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LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

By Telegraph to the New-York Times.

INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

Refusal of the Lecompton Majority of the Patents Committee to receive Testimony.

A Lecompton Meeting to be called in New-York.

The Maryland Contested Seat—The Effective Force of the Navy, &c.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The Senate Committee of Investigation met again to-day. Every proposition for the reception of testimony outside the official record was voted down, thus perpetuating the concealment and consequent ruin of every fraud perpetrated under the forms of law, no matter how base. A call was adopted for documentary testimony from the Executive Departments, and the Committee adjourned for a week. Messrs. Chandler and Grave, say that they will insist upon a thorough investigation. If they succeed in this, it will be time enough to doubt of the ability of the minority to control a Committee by ballot which has not the subject thoroughly. It was a knowledge of this, and a desire for time to get witnesses here, which induced the Lecompton majority of the Committee to refrain from insisting upon making a report to-day.

The Administration have issued orders to their officers in New-York to immediately get up a Lecompton meeting, and manufacture public sentiment in favor of the scheme, in defiance of the back-bones of the New-York democracy. General Wade wishes it understood, however, that he supports Lecompton on Slavery.

I understand, the view of the action of the House, to-day, was the appointment of Warren Davis' seat is likely to obviate the loss, at the time in which he can take testimony has about expired.

The House Committee of Investigation relative to the conduct of the late and present Doorkeepers, are frittering away the time in calling witnesses who know nothing, and by some strange accident overrunning those who could prove important facts be-[illegible] S.

[BY TELEGRAPH FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The majority of the Senate's Committee on Territories have agreed upon an elaborate report. The report concedes that it is similar to those heretofore made, but concludes with such conclusions, and admits Kansas into the Union under the Lecompton Constitution.

The House Kansas Committee met to-night. Mr. Stanton offered a resolution summoning Messrs. Walker, Calhoun, Stanton, and Hamilton for examination, and requiring them to bring all the documents in their possession bearing upon the subject matter of investigation. To this it was objected that the official documents being obtained from the Executive Department, oral testimony might not be necessary. This resolution, together with four or five others looking to the examination of all matters covered by the resolutions under which the Committee was appointed was tabled by a vote of eight against seven. A resolution of Mr. Stanton instructing the Chairman of the Committee to procure from the State Department the certified history of votes taken in Kansas, with an amendment by Mr. Harrison, "in accordance with law," was passed. The Committee then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning to make the arrangements to procure the documents called for.

Captain Gardnier has been appointed to the command of the frigate Colorado, now sitting out as flagship on the Republic of the Home Squadron.

Commodore Jones is lying dangerously ill near Washington.

An official statement shows that the effective force of the Navy embraces sixty-two vessels, of all kinds.

XXXIVth CONGRESS.—First Session

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Mr. Fessenden introduced a resolution calling on the President for further information in reference to the seizure of Fanny B. Sherron and Avis Island. Adopted.

Mr. Chandler presented the resolutions of the Michigan Legislature in opposition to the admission of any more slave States into Union, and against the Lecompton Constitution.

Mr. Houston's resolution presented yesterday relating to the protectorate of Central America and Mexico was taken up.

Mr. Wilson thought it was an extraordinary proposition, and calculated to foster a spirit of filibusterism, and disgrace us in the eyes of the civilized world.

Mr. Houston stated it was not a proposition to extend our dominions, but simply to benefit our neighbors. He was opposed to filibusterism, but thought the subject worthy of consideration, especially as other powers have designs on Central America.

Mr. Mason objected to the reference because the Central American States would justly regard such a reference as an indignity. Although weak, they were sovereign independent States, with whom we have treaties, and therefore should be regarded as political equals. He doubted the policy of establishing a protectorate anywhere.

Mr. Hale offered an amendment that: "Whereas, a state of colonial dependence is not calculated to illustrate the theory and practice of popular sovereignty and perfect freedom; therefore, the Committee on Foreign Relations are also instructed to inquire with regard to Canada and other British possessions on the American Continent."

Mr. Toombs advocated the resolution. He said that the time for action was not distant, and it had better be considered now.

Mr. Mason moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was agreed to.

The Army bill was then taken up.

Mr. Johnson, of Tennessee, submitted a substitute—which Mr. Wilson accepted, instead of his own amendment—providing for four thousand volunteers, to serve only during the present troubles. Mr. Johnson said that he offered the amendment because he believed that it reflected the views of the Administration. The bill which was reported by the Military Committee did not represent the wishes of the Administration, which had not asked for a permanent increase to the Standing Army. He argued the importance of the reduction of Government expenses. Congress holds the purse-strings, and the dominant party are held responsible for the expenditures. He referred to the subject of polygamy in Utah, but said there was more practical polygamy in New-York City than at Salt Lake,—the difference being that it was tolerated in the latter place by religious belief, but exists in the former in violation of law and the moral sense of the community.

Mr. Chandler moved to strike out the fourth section of the original bill, which proposes to change the method of promotions.

Messrs. Bayard and Wilson favored, and Messrs. Fessenden and Iverson opposed the motion.

Without taking action, the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The House has passed a resolution in the Maryland contested election case, declaring it inexpedient to grant the prayer of Mr. Brooks for a Special Committee to take testimony in the case.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Indian Appropriation Bill.

Mr. Adams made a speech favoring the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution.

Mr. Lovejoy argued that the conflict is not between the North and the South, but between Freedom and Slavery, and between the principles of liberty and despotism. He said the President and the Jesuit Chief Justice are endeavoring to nationalize Slavery, and are calling the Democracy to the temple of this demon-worship, and the foul and impious avowal that certain human beings are property. It was rank and foul treason against God and his anointed.

The Committee then rose, and the House adjourned.

The Indiana Contested Seats—The Administration and Mexican and Central American Affairs—Testimony, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1858.

Congress was not prolific of interest to-day. In the Senate, after further discussion, it was decided to give the Indiana Senators ninety days in which to take the immaterial testimony which they ask to have. In other words, they have been voted into their seats until after the Kansas question shall be disposed of,—for their votes can not be spared with safety when that crisis arrives. The end will probably show that this indulgence is but the prelude to the political gain of Messrs. Bright and Fitch. When the final question is taken upon their title to seats in the Senate, they are sure to be ousted, and we must look to the Legislature of Indiana for redistribution. Their votes upon the Kansas question once secured, they will assuredly find no further support from the great body of Southern Senators; and no sane man can doubt that their votes in support of the Lecompton fraud, and in provocation of the direful consequences which must flow from that measure, will close their political career, at least so far as its future depends upon the suffrages of the Indiana Democracy.

In the course of debate in the House to-day, upon the Baltimore contested election case, Mr. Hatch, of the Buffalo District, pitched into the "Know Nothings" and handled them without gloves. His remarks created a good deal of excitement among the South Americans, some of whom will assuredly be after him with "sharp sticks" ere long. While the gentleman from Buffalo has afforded his numerous German constituents some welcome matter in this speech, it is sincerely to be regretted that he so illogically represents his District in another question of paramount importance. He has thunderbolts for the violence and fraud by which Know-Nothingism in Baltimore places a single Anti-Democrat in the House of Representatives,—but rushes in bad taste to aid in the consummation of a long series of outrage, and violence and fraud in Kansas, by which an entire State is sought to be subjected to the tyranny of a small minority, at the bidding of the Slave power of the South. There is an inconsistency in his position which sadly needs explanation.

It is well known that Mr. Buchanan's eyes have been directed towards Mexico frequently since his inauguration,—for one of the points in his foreign policy, as originally marked out by him, is a settlement of the long-standing claims of American citizens against the Mexican Government, the acquisition of another slice of territory, and the arrangement of a commercial treaty which shall open to the United States a very profitable trade with our sister Republic. It was hoped that Congress would be able to sustain himself at the head of affairs,—and that through him, one or all of these objects would be obtained. His overthrow, therefore, is looked upon by the Administration as a misfortune. Congress had the courage to make the State superior to the Church in matters of civil government, and if he had manifested a little more boldness and energy at the crisis to which he lately succumbed, it was probably in his power to have obtained from the United States such aid as would have established his Government firmly. To the pernicious, proscriptive, narrow-minded policy of the Church in Mexico is to be attributed much of her decay. With that policy controlling her destinies, and shutting up the enterprise of her people, as it were, within a shell, it was impossible that she should develop her own resources, or attract the sympathy, aid, and cooperation of sister nations. The Church bound her hand and foot, and then fed itself on the life-blood of national prosperity, while cutting it off from all adequate sources of replenishment. Congress saw this, and applied the remedy, but unfortunately did not persist long enough and decisively enough to reap the full reward of his policy.

The late President of Mexico is now in New-Orleans,—and it is supposed that he will visit Washington soon, to give Mr. Buchanan a full statement of the condition of affairs in the country from which he fled, and, perhaps, to ascertain what external aid he can reply upon in an effort for his restoration to power. Mr. Buchanan sympathizes fully with Congress, because he knows that he is well disposed towards the United States, and that we could treat with him advantageously, if he was firmly seated in the Presidential Chair. It is difficult to see, however, in what way the United States can now render him any substantial aid. Were he actual President of Mexico, we might possibly be induced to give him a few millions in return for a suitable treaty,—but how we are to help a deposed Dictator is quite another affair. It has been suggested that if Santa Anna should return to Mexico, and be placed at the head of the Government under the Protectorate of Spain, the United States would not assent. I do not see, however, that we could object in any effectual way, however distasteful to us such an arrangement might be. Possibly the people of the United States would sustain our Government in an appeal to arms for the purpose of applying the Monroe doctrine to the case,—but that is very doubtful. This entire subject is worthy of consideration,—for whenever the Kansas question is disposed of, it is not at all improbable that Mexican and Central American affairs will next engage public attention.

The near approach of Lent has crowed the balls, parties and receptions thick and fast upon each other during the last few days. Last evening was appropriated to no less than five of these social entertainments, each replete with festivity, fun and frolic. The grand ball, at the *National Hotel*, was the crowning event of the season, surpassing even the similar entertainment given a fortnight ago at the same establishment. The magnificent parlors and grand dining saloon of this favorite house were thronged by a company of nearly seven hundred persons—the *élite* of Washington society at this gay and brilliant season. If I did not stand in awe of sundry bright eyes and pouting lips, I might essay an enumeration of the fair ladies who honored the occasion with their smiles. But my battery of compliments is all too light to do justice to more than a tithe of those whose beauty, or more endearing charms of mind and heart would entitle them to "favorable mention." I would like to record the royal elegance with which the wife of an eloquent Kentucky statesman drew around her, as always, a circle of admirers, held by the magic of intellect, no less than of grace. I should say something of a Maryland mother, whose charming daughters look scarcely more youthful:—of the queenly wife of a New-England Senator and his noble-hearted, dark-eyed daughter; of the majestic wife of a retired Naval officer, who is seeking justice with a persistency worthy of success; of the vivacious and bewitching wife of one who presides over the distribution of Uncle Sammy's broad acres, and of a brilliant gem from your Fifth-avenue, whose flashing diamonds—bright and beautiful though they be—are less to be admired than the personal and intellectual charms which, for her country's sake, it is hoped, may soon grace a foreign Court, by the side of her accomplished lord. But if I should devote a column to all these, the list would scarcely be begun,—and so in despair I abandon the delightful task.

In dancing I am not *au fait*; but *I do* know that for several long (no—unaccountably *short*) hours, everybody was deliciously and joyously mixed up with *everybody else* in the graceful mysteries of *Les Lanciers, Polkas, Redowas* and *Quadrilles*, stepping, turning, marching and tripping to the strains of merry music, until the band sounded the welcome signal for supper. At this summons the company marched into an adjoining saloon, where the tables were spread with an elegant and bountiful repast, as creditable to the *cuisine* of the venerable National, as it was grateful and refreshing to the pleasure-wearied guests. Supper over, all returned to the dancing saloon, where the giddy whirl was resumed and kept up with spirit until nearly 4 o'clock. In the name of the ladies of the National, permit me to thank its liberal proprietors for an entertainment which will long be the theme of conversation with those who participated in its gayeties, as it well deserves to be.

Your correspondent has patiently submitted to several and hundry pokes in the ribs, during the last day or two, visited upon him by good-natured friends who manifested a good deal of anxiety to know how he came to describe and moralize upon an execution which never came off. Upon inquiring the point of the joke, I learned at last that the Alexandria *Sentinel* had accused the Washington correspondent of the New-York Times of having published a "fancy sketch" story about the execution of a negro woman at Alexandria, who has been condemned to death for the murder of her mistress, but whose day of execution has not yet arrived. The joke would be a remarkably good one, if must be confessed, if the premises were well taken; but it is scarcely necessary for me to inform your readers that I have never written or published a word on any such subject. If the story ever appeared in the Times, at all,—and I do not recollect to have ever seen it before,—it must have been credited to some other journal. Will the *Sentinel* man please to retract, on penalty of an action for the damage to my ribs and reputation consequent upon his scandal? S.

Effects of the Gale.

AN UNKNOWN SCHOONER SUNK—A MAN FOUND DEAD IN THE RIGGING—THE REST OF THE CREW SUPPOSED TO BE LOST.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Wednesday, Feb. 17.

A schooner was discovered this morning sunk about half a mile from the beach off Long Branch. One dead body was discovered in the rigging, and was taken off by Captain Joseph H. Ware with a wrecking boat. The rest of the crew are supposed to be lost. The name of the schooner is unknown. She has a new mainsail and two large Burton purchases ready rigged, and looks like a wrecking schooner. Her masts are about half out of water.

LOSS OF THE SCHOONER CHARLES COLGATE—CREW SAVED.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The schooner *Charles Colgate*, from Baltimore for New-York, with a cargo of corn, went ashore at Squan Beach last night at 12 o'clock. She has five feet of water in her hold and is filling fast. All hands are saved.

THE BARK MUSKINGUM ASHORE.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The bark *Muskingum*, of Warren, R. I., Manter, from Matanzas for Providence, with a cargo of molasses, when coming into West Bay on Monday night, went ashore near Beaver Tail Light, where she remains. She lies in a rocky place. Her cargo is fully insured in Cuba.

The Steamer Magnolia Blown Up—Fifteen or Twenty Persons Killed.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The steamer *Magnolia*, bound to Fayetteville, exploded at Whitehall to-day, killing from fifteen to twenty persons. A few of the bodies have been recovered.

Fires.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES IN BOSTON.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

At 11 o'clock last night a fire broke out in No. 44 Union-street, which was nearly destroyed, together with Nos. 40 and 46, and also a small building in the rear, fronting on Friend-street.

A fire earlier in the evening destroyed No. 137 Hanover-street, corner of Union.

Among the occupants of the buildings burned, were Wm. A. Hayes, hardware merchant; Chamberlain & Co., stoves; Williams & Morrison, sheet-iron works; John C. Ayers, and C. McKellar.

The amount of the loss is from $35,000 to $40,000.

FIRE AT ST. CATHERINE'S, C. W.

ST. CATHERINE'S, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Burrow's dry goods store, Cardens' leather store, Jackson's jewelry store and two saloons in Odd Fellows' Hall were destroyed by fire this morning. Loss heavy, and only partially insured.

FIRES AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

A fire here last night destroyed the Western Public School Building. Loss, $10,000; insured for $5,000.

Another fire destroyed a large stable valued at $700; no insurance.

Both fires are supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

FIRE AT ELMIRA.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Wednesday, Feb. 17.

A fire broke out in Water-street in this place at 2 o'clock this morning, and before it could be subdued twelve stores were destroyed.

Death of Capt. James G. Farrar.

CHARLESTON, Tuesday, Feb. 16.

The body of Capt. James G. Farrar, of the bark *Cheshire*, of Damariscotta, has been found in the dock. He had been in the company of a friend the night preceding and it is supposed fell accidentally from the wharf. The flags of the shipping in the port were placed at half-mast, as a token of respect to the memory of the deceased.

E. F. Butler and the $87,000 Corruption Investigation.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

Hon. B. F. Butler, a Director of the Middlesex Mills Corporation, has gone to Washington on business connected with the $87,000 Corruption Investigation.

The Bay State Mills.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

At a meeting of the creditors of the Bay State Mills corporation to-day, representing claims of over $600,000, the following gentlemen were appointed receivers: Wm. Appleton, J. B. Crowninshield and Israel Whitney.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

No. 67.—The People's Ferry Company of Boston *vs.* Jas. Beers and David Warner, etc. Argued for the appellees and submitted on printed argument for the appellants.

The Southern Mail.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The mail from all points South, as late as due, is to hand, but brings no news of importance.

The Memphis at Charleston.

CHARLESTON, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The screw-steamship *Memphis*, of Cromwell's Line, arrived here from New-York at 10 o'clock this morning.

Sudden Death of a Young Man—Yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock a young man named Martin Hoyt, entered the grocery store of Claus Dronge, corner of William and Frankfort streets, and complained of being unwell. He was well known in the neighborhood, and after seating himself by the stove the clerk of the establishment asked him if it would not be better for him to go home and obtain some sleep instead of remaining where he was. He replied, "I have no home, but had a good sleep at the Globe Hotel last night." It soon became manifest that he was failing rapidly, and Mr. Dronge, becoming alarmed, sent for an officer of the Second Ward, when a carriage was procured and the unfortunate young man was immediately conveyed to the Bellevue Hospital. He died in a few minutes after his arrival, although everything was done to alleviate his sufferings. Consumption it is supposed was the cause of his decease. Young Martin was an American by birth, and about twenty-three years of age. He has relatives in this City who are as yet unacquainted with his death. The Coroner was notified and will hold an inquest to-day at the Hospital.

The Eleventh Ward Election Homicide—Three Policemen Held to Bail in $3,000 Each.—The examination before Justice Connolly in the case of Officers Oscar Van Tassell, Wm. L. Miller, and Peter Duffy, charged with the homicide of Patrick Vaughn, at a disturbance on the morning of the last Charter election at the Eight Poll District of the Eleventh Ward, was concluded a few days since. The Justice yesterday rendered the following decision, holding the accused to bail in the sum of $3,000, each to answer at the Court of Sessions.

INTERESTING FROM ALBANY.

Legislating to Prevent the Abuse of Injunctions—An Appeal for Relief—Street City Railroads—Removal of the Capital—The Brooklyn Bureau—Police Court Clerks—The Nomination of Auditor Thrown Over, &c.

From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

In the House, to-day, there was an extra amount of work marked out, but not much accomplished. The most important matter presented was the report of the Select Committee appointed by the last House to inquire into the causes of the delay which arises in our Courts, and to devise a remedy for the evil. The Committee, through its chairman, Hon. James B. Stevens, presented an able report, which contained notes in the shape of two bills. The first is

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE ABUSE OF INJUNCTIONS.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in the Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The execution of an injunction may be restrained either

1. The execution of any judgment rendered by such Court; or
2. The issuance of any public office; or
3. Any act not affecting property.

Sec. 2. The provisional remedy of injunction can be granted only by the Supreme Court, or a Judge thereof.

Sec. 3. The presiding Justice of the Supreme Court, in each judicial district is alone authorized to grant the provisional remedy of injunction, without notice to the party enjoined.

Sec. 4. When an injunction is granted without notice to the party enjoined, it can only be granted upon an order to show cause, within a specified period, not longer than five days from the service of the injunction, and if the motion upon such order be not made and decided within two days from the time thus fixed for showing cause, the injunction shall be deemed dissolved, after the expiration of such two days, to be dissolved accordingly.

Sec. 5. When an injunction is granted without notice to the party enjoined, the undertaking required thereupon must be filed with the Clerk, and a copy thereof served with the injunction, and if the party enjoined shall cause an undertaking to be executed on his part, and filed with the Clerk, in the same sum and with or more sureties as there were upon the undertaking which a copy is thus served, to the effect that the party enjoined will pay all damages which the party obtaining the injunction shall suffer by the act enjoined, the injunction shall be deemed immediately dissolved.

Sec. 6. A motion to discharge or modify an injunction and an appeal from an order granting or continuing an injunction shall have precedence over any other motion then ready to be made.

Sec. 7. Any person upon whom an injunction is served, may, without cooperation with any other person, move to vacate or modify it, so far as it affects himself.

The second remedy proposed by the Committee is embodied in the following

ACT TO PREVENT APPEALS FOR DELAY.

The People of the State of New-York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Whenever a case is reached upon the calendar of any Circuit, or of any General or Special Term of the Supreme Court, or the Superior Court, or Court of Common Pleas in the City of New-York, and is postponed by consent, or on the motion of either party, the Court shall require, as a condition of the postponement, that one of the parties shall pay to the clerk ten dollars for the use of the county.

Sec. 2. The Court of Appeals shall have power, upon affirming a judgment for a sum of money, to impose upon the appellant in addition to the judgment, interest and costs, the payment of a certain sum, as damages for the delay, not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of such judgment.

Sec. 3. The Supreme Court, Superior Court of the City of New-York, and Court of Common Pleas for the City and County of New-York, may, by order made at a General Term, upon a statement of facts, to report the testimony and decision of the Court, and, for the purpose of defraying the expense of such, may require each party to such trial to pay a sum not exceeding $10. [illegible] and

Sec. 4. The Court, in which any action shall be pending, shall have power, at any time after the same shall have been regularly noticed for trial, upon the application for trial, and upon the terms of the Court, to make an order dismissing the action from the Court.

These are exceedingly important propositions, and such as should, and, doubtless, will, attract the attention of the Bench and the Bar.

I am sorry the Committee did not deem it within their power to investigate the extraordinary proceedings of the Justices of the Supreme Courts of the First and Second Judicial Districts in volunteering to give decisions and opinions in advance of the presentation of a case. But I am glad to know that the gentlemen of the Bench who assumed to make laws for an emergency are, nevertheless likely to receive attention from the legitimate law-making power of the State.

ANOTHER CITY RAILROAD.

Mr. Weber this morning gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to authorize the construction of a Railroad through certain streets and avenues in the City of New-York, parallel and adjacent to Broadway. This is, I presume, the project of which legal notice was given in the advertising columns of the New-York papers last Fall. It contemplates, I believe, a route that will put a stop to any further agitation of the scheme for running a road through Broadway, as it follows Church and Mercer streets.

REMOVAL OF THE CAPITAL.

Mr. Hanford in the House, gives notice of a bill to remove the capital to New-York City, and Mr. Case gives notice of a bill to take it west as far as Syracuse. In the Senate Mr. Sewell gives notice of a purpose to locate the machinery of the State government at New-York. Between these rival propositions it may look as though one stone of the capitol was not to be left standing on another, but there is not, I guess, any immediate likehood that we shall leave Albany.

MORE COMPULSION AND LESS TEMPERANCE.

Notices have been given of two or three bills to amend the license law, and of two or three more looking to the reenactment of prohibition. All of these bills are, I believe, drawn upon the theory that temperance is to be enforced through the power of legal enactments, instead of won by the force of moral suasion.

THE AFFAIRS OF THE BROOKLYN FERRY COMPANIES

Are to be investigated by the House Committee on Commerce and Navigation. They were this morning authorized to send for persons and papers. I understand the Committee has arranged to hold meetings at the Executive Chamber on the afternoons of the 23d to hear the Union Ferry Company; on the 24th to hear the Astoria; on the 25th to hear the Houston-street Company; on the 26th to hear the Peck-slip Company.

These monopolies are likely to have active business before the session closes. Last year there was something like a hundred thousand citizens petitioned to have them looked after, but their prayers were not granted, owing to the efforts of a friend they then had at Court in the representative in the Senate from Kings, Hon. Cyrus P. Smith.

THE APPOINTMENT OF CLERKS IN POLICE COURTS.

Mr. Dunnett, in the Senate, gave notice of a bill to regulate the appointment of clerks in the Police Courts. The first section gives to the Police Justices of New-York the right to appoint clerks of their Courts; they hold their offices during the term of the Justice who makes the appointment; they may be removed for cause, by the Board of Supervisors; the salaries of the clerks to be such sum as the Board of Supervisors may deem proper.

The remaining sections relate to the taking of recognizances, and such detail, and were probably put in to cover up the cat in the first section, which takes the appointment of the clerks from the Police Commissioners and gives it to the Police Justices.

ASSESSED VALUE OF RAILROAD PROPERTY.

The Watertown and Rome Railroad Company makes the following report of the value of its property as assessed under the laws of 1856 and 1857:

	1856.	1857.
Jefferson County	$227,375	$206,676
Oswego County	105,646	104,937
Oneida County	198,000	162,551
Totals	$625,921	$563,556

Difference in favor of the Company under the present law, $66,365.

This is a better showing for the people than that made by the Third-avenue Railroad Company. A gentleman connecting with the Watertown and Rome Company originated the assessment law of last Winter, but it does not appear to have conferred that benefit which was anticipated upon his Company. This is not the first time an inventor has originated for the benefit of others—or that one has beat the bush, while another has caught the birds.

AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL RAILROAD BILL.

The General Railroad law, passed in accordance with the requirements of the new Constitution, appears to be as defective as Gen Cass. It wants patching in every direction. The amendment proposed, is to be needed by a section providing that all mortgages given by a Railroad Company shall be recorded in those counties wherein their real estate are situated, to be recorded, in the several counties through which the road runs, and shall have the same effect as a like record of mortgages would have upon real estate and manufactories.

Of to-day was protracted through two hours, Governor Kase coming up for confirmation as Auditor, in place of Mr. Barker, the name of General E. W. Leavenworth, of Syracuse.

There was a protracted discussion on the reference of this nomination, and the manner of manoeuvring would where parties are so evenly balanced as they are in the Senate. After a general skirmish all round, the nomination was finally referred to the Canal Committee, consisting of Messrs. Sears, Lott, Lee and Mason. To these were added Messrs. Hayes and Wanzer. Messrs. Lott and Wanzer are Republicans; Mr. Mason is a Democrat; Mr. Wanzer is an American, and Mr. Hayes an Independent. The Committee were instructed to report on the first day of next July!

Those who voted for this reference and instruction were 12 Democrats, the two Americans and Mr. Sears, Independent. The 14 Republicans present voted for a more immediate action. Mr. Sears, Democrat, and Mr. Loveland, Republican, dodged off.

If the Senate adheres to this action, the nomination is tied up for the remainder of the session, as the Governor cannot withdraw his nominee after such a reference and instruction to a Committee, without permission from the Senate. "Anybody can lead a horse to the water," &c. This is the fourth rap his Excellency has taken to the Senate fountain. Who is the next customer? LED.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The Executive session of the Senate to-day extended till nearly 3 o'clock. It is understood that a nomination in place of Mr. Barker for Auditor was sent in by the Governor. The Senate was quite full, Messrs. Snow and Williams, although sick, attending during the session. The motion being made, as usual, to refer the nomination to a Committee of the Senators from the Judicial District to which the nominee belongs, an amendment was proposed, fixing the time for the reception of their report on the 5th of July. A hard struggle took place, but eventually the amendment was carried, thus throwing out the nomination for this session.

Mr. Snow is understood to have voted with the Americans and Democrats in favor of the amendment.

A motion was then made to reconsider, and was defeated, thus preventing any subsequent action.

NEW-YORK LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

PETITIONS.

By Mr. Sloan, against abolishing the City Court of Brooklyn.

Also, to release the Central Park Commissioners from the payment of interest on the Arsenal purchase money.

By Mr. Sloan, to shorten the term of office of certain Brooklyn City officials.

REPORTS.

By Mr. Spinola, favorably, relative to the fisheries of New-Utrecht and Gravesend.

By Mr. Halsted, relative to the better protection of the remains of the dead.

MOTIONS.

By Mr. Schell, to remove the State Capital to New-York City.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Schell, relative to the appointment of Clerks of the Police Courts of New-York.

By Mr. Ely, to amend the law relative to principals and factors or agents.

The Senate passed the bill relative to the Walkabout Burial Ground law, and then went into executive session.

ASSEMBLY....ALBANY, Wednesday, Feb. 17.

The Speaker appointed Messrs. Duryea, McKeown, Dyckman, Mr. Miller and Adams, a Committee to present the gold medal to Commander Hawkins.

Amongst the petitions presented was one to compel the payment of laborers' wages in coin or State bills.

BILLS REPORTED FAVORABLY.

To create a new Ward in Brooklyn.

Requiring returns of unclaimed deposits in the Savings Banks.

To incorporate the Great South Bay Steam Ferry Company.

By Mr. Weir, to repeal the Metropolitan Police Bill—(accompanied by a written report.)

Mr. McNeil reported favorably a bill to allow the Harlem Railroad Company to run engines to Thirty-second-street. The bill was referred back on motion of Mr. Ross.

The Committee on Commerce and Navigation received power to send for persons and papers relative to the New-York Ferries.

Mr. Lawrence reported against legalizing the acts of the New-York Supervisors in payment of the bills for refreshments for the Board of Canvassers.

NOTICES OF BILLS.

By Mr. Hanford, to remove the State Capital to New-York.

By Mr. Weber, for the construction of parallel railroads on Broadway and parallel streets.

By Mr. Lynch, to repeal the Act to Promote Medical Science.

By Mr. Ross, to amend the New-York Firemen's Charter.

By Mr. T. Jones, Jr., to incorporate the Inventors' Aid Association of New-York; also, to regulate steamboats, piers and slips.

By Mr. Lawrence, to suppress intemperance and legalize the sale of intoxicating liquors.

By Mr. Gunnemann, to create the office of Registrar of Deeds in Westchester County.

By Mr. McKeown, to provide for the payment of the traveling expenses of the Regent of the University.

By Mr. Russ, to abolish the office of Regent.

By Mr. Delaney, to abolish the Office of Complaint Clerk in New-York.

By Mr. Bachelder, to appropriate 5,000 acres of State unimproved land for the purpose of resting and domesticating the American elk.

By Mr. Case, to remove the State Capital to Syracuse.

By Mr. T. Jones, Jr., to establish a Railroad Clearing-house in New-York.

Mr. Law gave notice of a resolution to grant the use of the Assembly Chamber to Hon. F. P. Stanton, on Friday evening next. He took occasion to repudiate the idea that he had any intention to test any man's political sentiments, and that he asked it merely as an act of courtesy.

Mr. Davoy declared that he had signed the letter as an act of courtesy, and because he was willing that the advocates of Mr. Seward's policy should be heard, for he had full confidence in its weakness.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

By Mr. Sarr, for the better regulation of the New-York Fire Department.

By Mr. Sarr, for the repeal of the acts to regulate stage routes.

Frightful Accident in Hampden County, Pa.—Four Persons Killed and one Injured.

From the Harrisburg Telegraph of Friday Evening.

We regret to announce one of the most painful accidents that has ever occurred in Dauphin County. It appears that the large furnace, called "Union Deposit Furnace," situated in South Hanover township, some two miles from Hummelstown, was in full blast and working satisfactorily until within a few days past, when something interfered with its operations.

In order to ascertain what was wrong, the workmen engaged in the work of cleaning the lower portion of the Furnace out; but whilst they were so engaged, the hot metal came running out in torrents, so unexpectedly, that five persons were literally showered over with the liquid fire, immediately setting their clothing on fire and burning them in a dreadful and shocking manner. Some of the unfortunate men jumped into the canal, and others into the water tub; but this proved all unavailing—they were so dreadfully burned that no human help could save them.

John Baird, David Landis, W. Murray and a man called Dutch John, have since died from their wounds, and were buried yesterday, whilst Moses Weaz, another of the injured, can hardly survive his injuries.

It appears that the furnace must have been choked up at the top, and whilst the men were engaged opening it below, the hot metal fell from the top of the stack into the hearth, raising down upon the workmen so suddenly that it was impossible to save them. The burning fluid also came very near setting the whole works on fire. The deceased have large families to mourn their sudden and early loss.

DESPERATE STRUGGLE IN CHINA.

THE INTENDED ATTACK ON CANTON.

PREPARATIONS COMPLETE.

Interests Centered in Great Britain and France.

Neutrality of the American Representative.

EXPOSITION OF HIS PLANS AND POLICY.

GOVERNOR YE DECLINES AN INTERVIEW.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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It seems probable that public curiosity, which has been long kept on the stretch, will be satisfied shortly, by the commencement of hostilities against Canton. It seems to be generally conceded that such will be the case, and probably of the capture of the City. This point being settled, public curiosity is engaged in speculating upon the consequences of the event, and in speculating upon the future of the City. Some are for its total destruction, others for its retention, and probably of the capture of the City, a statement of which is not simply [illegible] they are to fast and not to remain, will be the most acceptable.

Lord Elgin, on behalf of Great Britain, and Baron Gros, on behalf of France, have been [illegible] months in China. As these two nations are to cooperate actively in hostilities against the Chinese, there must be, of course, a more complete and intimate understanding between their respective plenipotentiaries than between any others. Two or three days ago the French declared a blockade of the Canton River, but, as this was done some months ago by the British, the act was hardly to be regarded as important. It is [illegible] that Baron Gros thought it desirable to put himself in this attitude of hostility, and to cooperate in this manner the French sympathy and alliance with England, before commencing with Commissioner Yeh, preparatory to the attack upon Canton.

The arrival of Hon. Wm. B. Reed, the American Minister, more than a month ago, has been [illegible] announced. Count Poutiatine, the Russian Ambassador, was the last to arrive. He came here in the war-steamer *America*, unsupported by any other naval force.

Between all the Plenipotentiaries there are the most friendly and agreeable private relations. But, except in the case of the French and Russian, there has been no concerted action. Business of a Conference at Macao, "held by request of the American Minister, upon neutral territory," at which measures of greater or less importance were determined upon, are known. The Baron, it is true, can go to Macao in the Pontchartrain on business, but not by appointment with the other diplomatists, one, although, [illegible] last Macao, the other gentlemen had retired there, there was no official conference, but there were no concerted measures where we [illegible] The Minister of both nations doubtless keeps a bright look-out upon the advancement of all the others—a natural result of which [illegible] is, that they are no further separated than they can help—and it is not improbable that the presence of Lord Elgin and Baron Gros in Hong Kong may have been partly owing to the fact that the Russian and Count Poutiatine were there previously. This, however, is conjecture; but there was no "conference" *de facto*.

From the fact that Dr. Parker, our late Commissioner to China, was supposed to be favorable to our cooperation with Great Britain, and from the fact that the insult to our flag, a year ago, rendered necessary the action of the "Battle Days,"—the hopes of many Englishmen and of not a few Americans in China were that Mr. Reed would act in entire harmony with the English, and that our forces here would unite with theirs before Canton. His steady avoidance of intercourse of that kind has provoked considerable disappointment among the people of Hong Kong,—a feeling which is expressed in the repeated and somewhat wistful articles of one or two newspapers [illegible] with which the Colony is blessed. It is understood that, at his first interview with Mr. Reed, Lord Elgin was strongly disposed to press an American cooperation, but that he was met by a constant refusal. A correspondence of a politely courteous, but of a very decided character, on both sides, is known to have passed between these gentlemen,—but it has not yet transpired.

One of Mr. Reed's first acts, after arriving in China, was to write to Yeh, the Governor of Canton, announcing his arrival, requesting an interview, and suggesting that the time had come when a renewal and revision of our treaty with China had become necessary. After waiting for some time for a reply, he wrote again in a manner decidedly more peremptory. Before this second letter could have reached Governor Yeh, he came a reply to the first. The letter was courteous enough, but not altogether satisfactory. Yeh declines to meet our Commissioner, on the ground that he has no place for the meeting, as the Bebels, in their last year's bombardment of Canton, destroyed the public buildings,—which is a sufficiently valid excuse certainly,—for the reasons of the Times will not have forgotten the somewhat unceremonious visit which Sir Michael Seymour made to the Governor's palace some thirteen months ago,—nor the storm of shot and shell which his guns poured into the city for a week or so following. But the Governor objects also to the revision of the treaty,—on what grounds we have not been able to ascertain. Mr. Reed again replied, but his letter was sent only [illegible] ago; and it is probable that before the Governor has time to reply, even if he be [illegible] captured, the circumstances in which he [illegible] himself will hardly be favorable to [illegible]

It is hoped that after the capture of Canton, (for that Canton will be captured, with greater or less loss, is regarded by everybody except the Chinese as a matter of course,)—it is hoped that the Governor may be disposed to treat, and may be empowered to grant all the privileges which the representatives of the foreign powers may require. If however, this should not be the case, Lord Elgin will probably go northward towards Pekin, supported by as much of the naval force as can be spared from Canton. In the event of the failing of negotiation here, it is the intention also of our minister to go North, in the Summer, to Pekin or as near to that city as possible. If the English should go in a hostile attitude

[illegible] course in China, he is regarded with [illegible] not only by his own countrymen, but by foreigners of [illegible] the harbor was in a constant [illegible] with voluntary [illegible] and apart from these and similar public demonstrations, which were unanimously [illegible], the more private courtesies and kindnesses which he has received must be [illegible] of more than merely formal respect to a representative of Government.

G. B. B.

From Another Correspondent.

[Extract from Sir James Bowring's Hong Kong, China, Monday, Dec. 14, 1857.]

Nothing new or definite from the river up to this date. The Hong Kong press and people are [illegible] as much as possible, of Admiral [illegible] and intentions, he having issued [illegible] shall be allowed to remain on [illegible] Majesty's vessels. An exception is, [illegible] made in favor of the London Times correspondent [illegible] and the artist of the *Illustrated News*, [illegible], I believe, are allowed quarters on [illegible] Admiral's flag ship. A circumlocution is also [illegible] between the squadron [illegible] the object of which is to prevent [illegible] of the British and French forces from reaching the City [illegible] the exclusion of the Hong Kong press—which not being allowed to participate in a prior [illegible] Admiral's danger, has caused a [illegible] growing among the *attachés* thereof. That [illegible] *Times* and *Illustrated News* should [illegible] to control the petty market in an [illegible] which the business "ones of Hongkong" will [illegible] will subsist for it will subsist to it, will have [illegible] the pleasure of growing at such exclusiveness [illegible] I can only add, at this date, to reiterate the [illegible] of the editor of the *Friend of China*—who [illegible] best informed on war matters as any one in [illegible]—that active operations will commence [illegible]. I am permitted to see an occasional [illegible] that the British squadron and army are [illegible] kept informed in part of operations in the [illegible] vicinity of Canton. The real cause of the delay of the attack on Canton is known only to Lord Elgin, Admiral Seymour, and Governor Bowring. It is not believed here, that there is [illegible] negotiation going on between the belligerents, and on part of the British there is [illegible] no wish in favor of anything [illegible] the kind. The cry here is like [illegible] the Irishman's at Donnybrook Fair: "It's half past nine o'clock at Donnybrook Fair, and a divil and ould of a fight yet! will some man place a tramp [illegible] the end of me tail?" On the other hand [illegible] is no abatement of the war feeling on the part of the Chinese. As an evidence of this we have [illegible] placards—apparently official—have been posted up on the walls at Amoy, threatening destruction to foreigners in case Canton is destroyed. The threat of a rising of the Chinese at the Free Ports in the event of the capture and destruction of their favorite city, has caused the greatest [illegible] among foreigners here, and such a rising, [illegible] as many to say, is not at all improbable. Should [illegible] take place, American life and property would be sacrificed most fearfully, for the [illegible] United States East India squadron is, and has been lying here for the past few weeks, just [illegible] when it is least needed. The smallness of our squadron, consisting of two frigates and one sloop of-war, and its unfitness for operation in the Chinese seas on account of the great draft of water of two of our vessels, there being but one of the five Free Ports that our frigates can enter without difficulty, would, in case of any such contingency, limit very much our defensive operations. When will our Government learn to supply this station with steamers of light draft? The United States squadron has been decreased by the departure for home of the United States steamer *Levant*, which vessel left this port on the 7th of this month.

The British army has met with a loss in the death on the 1st of this month of Lieutenant-Colonel Lyeard, commanding Royal Engineers in China. I regret to have to record the death, on the 19th, of James A. Gates, gunner in the United States Navy, and attached at the time of his death to the United States ship *Portsmouth*. Mr. Gates's loss will be severely felt on his ship, as he was a most efficient officer and an estimable man. His residence was Washington, D. C. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. His merits as an officer and a man were testified to this day by a large attendance of the officers and men of the United States Squadron at his funeral, who also did not fail during the weary days of his illness and the [illegible] of his dying hour to show unto him every kindness, and to smooth his pathway to the grave. Poor Gates! after life's fitful fever, and a short sojourn in this weary, weary land, you sleep well. Peace to your memory, and peace be with those who were near and dear to you.

Dec. 15.—The mail having been delayed one day, to allow Admiral Seymour to finish his dispatches, I have another day's grace, and am enabled to give you additional and important news.

From a high editorial source—a gentleman to whom I am indebted for many favors—I learn that the restriction put upon the press here—in affording facilities for acquiring information as to the Admiral's operations—does not extend to all of the Hong Kong editorial corps, and only will be put in force against a select few, who have thought proper to abuse the Admiral's kindness. I have, indeed, been shown a letter from a very high official source in which the assurance is given that every favor possible will be accorded a portion of the Hong Kong press.

The following communication, directed to Lord Elgin, and dated Macao Roads, Dec. 10, 1857, has come to hand:

Monsieur le Ministre: I have the honor to forward to your Excellency a copy of the notification of the blockade of the Canton River by the naval forces of His Majesty the Emperor of the French, which was placed under my orders, which blockade I declared commenced from the 12th of the current month. I have the honor to be, Monsieur le Ministre, your Excellency's very humble, and obedient servant, (Signed.) C. RIGAULT DE GENOUILLY.

To His Excellency, the Minister Plenipotentiary of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain, etc.

The following is the French Admiral's proclamation:

NAVAL DIVISION OF INDO CHINA, CABINET OF THE ADMIRAL. MACAO ROADS, Dec. 10, 1857.

The undersigned, Rear-Admiral Commander-in-Chief of the Naval Forces of His Majesty the Emperor of the French in the China and Indian Seas: [illegible] to an understanding with the High Commissioner of His Imperial Majesty on the pending difficulties between the Government of France and that of China on the means of terminating them [illegible] the commissioners of the Governments of France and Russia, to proceed by common action for the reparations which are due to them, and in virtue of the powers appertaining to me as Commander-in-Chief:

DECLARE:

From the twelfth of the current month, the river and port of Canton and their outlets will be held in a state of effective blockade by the Naval Forces placed under my command, acting in concert with the Naval Forces of Her Britannic Majesty. Any vessel attempting to violate the blockade will be proceeded against according to international law and the treaties in force with neutral powers.

(Signed.) C. RIGAULT DE GENOUILLY.

The French fleet are now at the Bogue, the English mainly near Canton. Rumors are current here that negotiations are going on between Lord Elgin and the Chinese authorities at Canton. I have the highest authority for saying, "That there will be no negotiating until after the capture of Canton."

For the following piece of important commercial intelligence, I am indebted to the editor of the *Friend of China*, who has given it to me prior to publication: "The news of the extraordinary state of the money market in America, and the high rate of discount at the Bank of England, has not [illegible] China [illegible] this, for [illegible] against [illegible] Hong Kong, [illegible] counts [illegible] tea and silk, and timidness in the currency in England, however, and the continued firmness of the Chinamen for high prices for their produce, the consequence will be small shipments, if, indeed, for a time, exports will not altogether cease—few bills, and then a considerable fall in exchange."

The first vessel of a line of steamers, the Rajah, between Manila and Hong Kong, arrived here yesterday, bringing dates of Dec. 11 from the former place. The contract for running these steamers has been awarded to the Peninsular and Oriental Company. By a letter from Manila I learn that the Company are to receive $10,000 per month for carrying the mail between Manila and Gibraltar, the Spanish Government to have the privilege of sending, by each steamer, which make monthly trips, three or less passengers from Manila to Gibraltar. Another decree had been published, inviting any parties who wish to make offers for mail service by screw steamers, between Manila and the Provinces, to have five steamers—four running and one extra—to receive from Government $42,000 the first two years; this sum to be decreased should the project pay at the end of that time. The vessels are to carry one twelve-pounder, and musketry, to be able to act in case of war or on pirates. They are to be exempt from all port dues.

Exchange at Manila 15 to 18 per cent premium for silver. Freights to the United States $12 per 40 cubic feet.

The writer of the above letter complains of the gross incorrectness of a set of illustrated articles, which have appeared in the *London Illustrated News*, illustrating life at Manila. He speaks of the illustrations as being mere caricatures, and the descriptions thereof as being false. If the illustrations put forth in that sheet representing things here in China are a criterion to judge from, I should say that the assertion of the Manila writer is correct. A New-York darkey, with a white-wash brush could delineate China and the Chinese better than "Our Artist."

Opinions which have heretofore been expressed, regarding Mr. Reed's acting in consonance with the English and French, I believe have no foundation in fact, and probably originated in the strong desire the above-named parties have for to entangle Americans in this quarrel. Mr. Reed has expressed himself openly "*that he sees no cause for further proceedings against the Chinese, on our part.*" This is what might be expected from a man of his sense and abilities.

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NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS.

COMMISSIONER REED AND GOVERNOR YEH.

Hong Kong (Dec. 14) Correspondence of the London Times.

It will be remembered that the last mail went out leaving Hong Kong denuded of all its diplomatic grandness. There was solemn conference at Macao and it was soon whispered that Count Putiatine was admitted to the councils of Lord Elgin and Baron Gros. A rumor soon spread that Mr. Reed had taken an independent line, and had met with a rebuff. He had, so went the story, sent a proposal to Yeh to treat with him inside the city, but Yeh replied that he should be happy to see him outside the city, but could not think of admitting any barbarian within the walls of Canton. Mr. Reed then proceeded to Macao, but even rumor did not venture to affirm what he proposed to himself by this journey, or whether the rather contemptuous refusal he had just received had in any way modified his opinion as to entangling alliances. The Chinese have another version of this affair. They profess to have seen a copy of the answer, and laugh when they speak of it. I have not been able to induce any of them to procure me a transcript, and cannot make much of their description of it. If it should reach you by way of America, I think you will find that the Imperial Commissioner has replied to his Excellency Mr. Reed by what is vulgarly called "a sell," a sort of Chinese version of "Don't you wish you may get it?" Certain it is that Mr. Reed is very irate with his celestial friends, and has rather abandoned his idea of being master of the position. Yeh seems resolved to show the world that he is determined to carry out the policy openly acknowledged in that notorious Chinese State paper, and to consider the terms of the last treaty binding only so long as he had not force enough to break them. He seems to be confident also that the present is a proper season for perseverance in this policy. He has doubtless heard of the might and wonderful contrivances of the *Minnesota*. Nothing that can be said in praise of her discipline and arrangements, her exquisitely finished machinery for economizing labor and time in the working of her guns, her Sharpe's rifles, her officers' cabins, and her state reception rooms, can be too great praise, but Yeh has heard all about these. We have just seized copies of a correspondence which has been passing between a Chinese writer resident on this island and Howqua. It contains a minute chronicle of every event and descriptions of men and things, including a by no means flattering account of the personal appearance of Lord Elgin. Possibly it also included a statement of the draught of water of the *Minnesota*. I recollect that once on circuit, when a zealous and hot-tempered junior replied with a scarcely decent violence to an interruption of the Judge, and drew down upon himself a rebuke, a sarcastic old stager who sat by said, "Pitch into him again, give it him well, he can't come down to you." Yeh knows that the *Minnesota* cannot come up to him. Moreover, he has filled his city with soldiers from the North. We have just kindly rescued and released 300 of these from the wrecked *Waverley*. The Chinese report that the walls are now bristling with cannon, that the streets are all undermined, and that Yeh is determined to blow the whole place into the air rather than give it up. We shall see shortly what truth there is in these tales. They by no means lessen the eagerness of our fellows to get into the city, but they may perhaps induce the Admiral and General to explode these mines by a few shells before they set our British bulldogs at the walls.

PREPARATIONS FOR WAR.

Meanwhile the valleys and precipices of this mountain island ring and echo with preparations. The quiet citizen cannot take his afternoon walk without his rumination upon the prices of gray shirtings or his sigh over the depreciation of "Malwa" being interrupted by a sharp volley of musketry, or the ringing of a Minnié bullet, or the whistling of a shell. The Chinese are certainly not a nervous race. On the parade-ground to the east of this wall-less and citadel-less city of Victoria some 500 men of the 50th may be daily seen at their exercise. A cloud of Chinese children take advantage of the severity of discipline to hang upon their skirts, stooping down and picking up the cartridge-papers from between the feet of the immovable redcoats, who dare not even raise a foot to tread upon the fingers that tickle their ankles. We are too poor in men to be able to spare any to keep the ground. Up in the ravine behind Government house a detachment is firing at a target at a range of 1,000 yards. That target has its attendant company of more adult Fuk-hees. They can scarcely be kept at a safe distance, and when the bugle sounds to cease firing they rush in and dig out the wasted lead. Further off on the side of the mountain, with little flag-staffs fixed on rocks at various ranges, a field battery is practising with shot and shell. Straight in the line of fire the Chinese washermen are spreading their clothes to dry upon the brushwood, quite unconcerned at the discharges, satisfied to confide in the skill of the artillerymen, and having a full practical knowledge of the flight of shot. At the short ranges the shells must pass a few feet over their heads. It cannot be that men who behave thus can be of a race of cowards.

We have also had a sham fight on a grand scale. The race-course and the surrounding hills, and the road leading thence to the city, were contested with steadfast valor; but, alas! in this month of December the thermometer still stands at 84° in the shade, and the men look white and worn before the work was done.

COMMENCEMENT OF HOSTILE OPERATIONS.

We are now able to calculate the force upon which we must depend to take and hold this city with its million of inhabitants.

The first act in the way of a move was the issuing of the following General Order to the fleet. The period being now at hand for commencing active operations against the city of Canton, the Commander-in-Chief has to call the serious attention of the captains, officers, seamen, and marines of the squadron, to the necessity of strictly protecting the lives and property of the peaceable and unarmed inhabitants, not only during the period of hostilities, but likewise on that [illegible] the Chinese people, whom we [illegible] hostilities [illegible] from the tyranny [illegible] the military [illegible] against those [illegible] none hostile [illegible] will be [illegible].

The Rear-Admiral has also to impress upon the officers and men who may so soon be actively employed his determination to discountenance and prevent all looting or plundering, both as demoralizing and as subversive of the discipline that is so essentially necessary to success. He trusts that the officers by precept and especially by their example, will carry out his views and instructions.

The Commander-in-Chief takes this opportunity of expressing his warmest thanks to the Commodore, Captains, commanding officers, seamen, and Royal Marines of the squadron for the patient endurance they have evinced during the last twelve months in the monotonous and frequently harassing duty of keeping upon the navigation of the river, and he further assures them that, whatever may be the nature of expected operations, he shall enter upon them with the strongest confidence in their ready and gallant cooperation for the maintenance of the honor of the British flag, and the success of our arms.

M. SEYMOUR,
Rear-Admiral, Commander-in-Chief.

The next act was a declaration from the French Admiral, declaring, on the part of France, a blockade of the Canton river.

On the 11th it became known that the Chinese writer, Ochung, who had been taken into custody for maintaining a correspondence with Howqua, had been sent into the city with letters from the English and French Plenipotentiaries announcing their arrival, and giving note of their credentials.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH ULTIMATUM.

On the 12th Mr. Wade, the chief of Lord Elgin's interpreting staff, proceeded to the city under a flag of truce and delivered the demands of the English and French Plenipotentiaries upon the Imperial Commissioner holding the city of Canton.

A proclamation in the Chinese language was at the same time circulated in the suburbs of the city. It stated that certain demands had been made upon the Imperial Commissioner, and that ten days had been given him within which to accede to them; that in the meanwhile (on the following Monday) the allied forces would occupy the island of Honan, opposite to the city, doing no damage unless resistance should be made; that at the expiration of the ten days allowed to the Commissioner an attack would be made upon the city, unless the terms demanded were yielded, and warning all non-belligerents to take such measures for the removal of their families and property as they might think expedient.

We must hope, in the interest of humanity, that when the allotted interval has expired Yeh will yield. He must know that he has at his gates the representatives of the four great nations of the earth, and that, however they may differ upon the *modus operandi*, they are all equally determined to tolerate no longer this foolish Chinese pageant. Mr. Reed does not, I apprehend, propose to himself to go home without making a treaty, any more than does Count Putiatin, or Baron Le Gros, or the Earl of Elgin. However much we may deplore the undignified policy which the American statesmen at home have chosen to adopt, and however much we may feel satisfied to find that they are baulked of the advantages they proposed to themselves of monopolizing the trade while we were fighting the common battle, still our interests are identical, and eventually we must work together. The high Mandarins of China cannot but know the power of the nations arrayed against them. But, if they do not, if they are ignorant of what every Chinaman at Singapore knows full well, and of what each small tradesman at Hong Kong could tell them, what a practical satire this ignorance is upon that system of competitive examinations and the rule of literary men, which, as it is worked in China, has been so little understood and so senselessly extolled! It is useless, however, to speculate upon what Yeh will do, for the next mail will bring you tidings of what he has done, and what we have done.

STRENGTH OF THE ATTACKING FORCE.

The attacking force, exclusive of the ships, a list whereof I gave you by the last mail, will be as follows:

Troops from the garrison of Hong Kong, including the 59th Regiment, the Artillery, the Engineers, and a portion of the Madras troops	800
Marines	2,500
Naval Brigade	1,500
French troops and sailors	900
Total	5,700
Coolies—	
Chinese	671
Attached to Medical Staff	85
Commissariat	48
Malays	163
Total	6,067

CANTON RIVER, Dec. 15, 1858.

As I had reason to suppose that the occupation of Honan would take place on Tuesday, and that the mail would be detained to allow the news of this fact to reach England, I came up the river on Sunday and found the English Admiral's flag still flying at the anchorage between the Bogue Forts and Tiger Island.

The French fleet had just moved up. The two navies had been indulging in mutual civilities on the occasion of the French declaration of blockade. The English Admiral hoisted the French flag at the main, and issued a congratulatory general order. The French returned the compliment, and issued an order very fervent in its terms. Moreover, the French entertained the British fleet with theatricals, and supper after the play, and they have left Jack in high good humor with his lively allies.

This morning, at 9½ o'clock, the Admiral, accompanied by the General, left the *Calcutta* for the *Coromandel*. They go up together to the French Admiral, and will direct the debarcation of a marine force of about 1,000 men on Honan Island.

OCCUPATION OF HONAN.

Dec. 16.—This morning the occupation of Honan took place. The sight from Macao Fort was interesting only for a few minutes. One battalion of our Marines and 150 French sailors disembarked, under the guns of the shipping, upon the back of the island, and out of sight of Canton. As they advanced into the island we watched the lines of red and blue, not quite expecting, but feeling the possibility that some puff of smoke might give signal for a fight. The Chinese, however, had wisely seen that this plain and open island was not defensible. If there had ever been any soldiers there, which is very improbable, they had been withdrawn when we issued our proclamation to the inhabitants that we intended to take peaceable possession. Some tents were now pitched, the outposts formed, the French and English positions demarcated, and our material guarantee was seized.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Another affair has happened, which terminated in a very different manner. Intelligence travels slowly from ship to ship in our widely-separated force, but I believe the circumstances are these: On the afternoon of Monday Lieutenant Pym, of Arctic celebrity, who now commands the *Banterer*, landed for exercise in the neighborhood of a Mandarin village some way down the river. He was accompanied by Mr. Wurgman, the artist who is here sketching for the *Illustrated News*. Allured by the friendly appearance of the inhabitants, they entered the village, and they appear also to have entered the house of the Mandarin there. Whether Lieutenant Pym was acting prudently or properly in doing this I am not able to state; my information is too indistinct to allow me to offer even a suggestion upon this point. All that is certain is that as the party returned to the boat the population of the village suddenly encompassed them and poured in a volley from gingals and other firearms. Five men were killed. Lieutenant Pym was shot through both legs. The interpreter then jumped overboard, and was followed by several of the men, who retreated across the paddy fields. They were followed by the Chinese multitude, and six wounded. All this took place within sight of the *Nankin*, whence assistance was, of course, dispatched at the first sound of fire-arms. The *Nankin* men arrived just in time to rescue Lieutenant Pym, who was keeping the Chinese at bay with his sword and revolver. Of the whole party every one was either killed or wounded, except Mr. Wurgman and two seamen. This seems to have been a most treacherous and unprovoked assault, and an attack upon the village was subsequently made by the *Nemesis*. The first attempt was, I believe, not very successful; but it will doubtless be renewed.

YEH'S REPLY TO LORD ELGIN'S ULTIMATUM.

TUESDAY NIGHT.

It is most provoking that the most important events will happen within half an hour of the departure of the mail. This afternoon a messenger from Yeh arrived at Macao Fort with a dispatch for the Plenipotentiaries. You know how hoping against hope I have kept up some intelligence inside the city. Hitherto it has stood me in little stead, but, at a critical moment it has turned up trumps. I am informed that the Chinese messenger said Lord Elgin's demand was of the most [illegible] character; that he asked for no more than that the city should be [illegible] the treaty should be [illegible] at the other treaty ports, [illegible] compensation given for outrages done to British merchants, and our compatriots at Hong Kong supplied in as a material guarantee until all matters are settled. At least one of the Chinese merchants thinks that these demands should have been jumped at. Yeh, however, thinks otherwise. The answer just goes up to Lord Elgin to consider, if my information is correct, in a fine sarcastic vein, much like that returned to the American. It tells his Lordship that the question of the treatment of strangers at Canton has been settled by the decree of the Emperor; that Sir George Bonham was made a baronet for respecting that decree, and he recommends Lord Elgin to follow his example; that, as to compensation, Yeh has a demand upon the English Government for losses suffered by the Chinese.

You must make some allowance for a version of a Chinese document read to me in Canton English; but I think I can pledge myself that this will be found to be the substance of this document.

Lord Elgin is no true son of Robert the Bruce if he stands this style of answer; so we may soon now expect something decisive here.

THE CONSPIRACY AGAINST NAPOLEON.

Extended Ramifications of the Plot—Revelations of Rudio—Five Hundred Conspirators under Oath to Kill the Emperor—Annihilation of Liberty in France—The Americans in Paris on the Attempt.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Wednesday, Jan. 27, 1858.

The sensation created by the late attempt upon the life of the Emperor, is far from subsiding. New developments serve to show that the conspiracy was not an isolated one, or at least that the few individuals concerned in the attempt of the Rue Lepelletier, were not animated simply by personal passion in endeavoring to destroy the life of the Emperor. From England, Belgium, Italy, Switzerland and Spain, we have evidence that many of the revolutionary refugees were awaiting the *coup* of Orsini and Pierri, in order to make an irruption into France, and to raise the standard of revolution in all the revolutionary States of Europe. The plan of the attempt, and its execution, were perhaps the work of these two desperate men; but the party to which they belong, in all its European ramifications, were apprised of the moment at which the attempt was to be made, and were prepared to take advantage of its results.

It is reported that one of the prisoners, Rudio, has turned State's evidence, and that, in his confession, he has revealed a plot that does not offer a very smiling perspective for the Emperor. According to Rudio's confession, the conspirators were five hundred in number. They are bound to their work by a terrible oath, and their object is the assassination of Louis Napoleon. Each year, or oftener, if circumstances will warrant the attempt, the whole band are to draw lots from a box in which there will be five winning numbers. The five members drawing these are held to put in immediate execution an attempt upon the Emperor's life, which shall be approved by the whole society, and by those who are charged with its execution. The society has plenty of money for carrying out its designs.

Whether this confession of Rudio be true or not, it is evident that at all the frontiers of France the revolutionists were waking the blow in order to enter the country and institute a new order of things. The execution of their sworn design is, therefore, not abandoned; it is only adjourned. There are plenty of desperate men besides Orsini and Pierri in the revolutionary ranks—men who, like them, are willing to sacrifice themselves to what they deem a sort of martyrdom for the general good of Europe.

The trial of the conspirators will not take place, perhaps, for a month. If the affair were personal to the individuals arrested, there would be no delay; but the work of gathering evidence from foreign States will necessarily occupy some weeks. The greater part of this evidence will come from England, the late residence of the conspirators. The efforts of the English police have already led to valuable results in the discovery of papers, which establish important links in the chain of the conspiracy. From England, also, we receive a complete history of the antecedents of the principal prisoners. These histories are published in the English journals, and you will not fail to remark that the name of Miss Merryon White appears on the surface again in connection with this affair. In the Count Orsini's history of his life in the Austrian dungeons, which was published some time ago in London, Miss White's name appears as its translator from Italian into English, and as the author of its preface, which is a warm eulogy of the subject of the biography.

The two principal conspirators, Count Orsini and Colonel Pierri, have revealed very little in the various secret examinations to which they have been subjected by the magistrates. They profess not to know each other, and deny all participation in the affair. A considerable number of arrests have been made since the date of my last letter, and it is said that more bombs have been found. The attentions paid by the Police to foreigners are very embarrassing, and many arrests have been made on the most frivolous grounds. The reproach addressed by the Emperor to the Prefect of Police, "That his Police were the worst in the world," since he could not find the conspirators when he knew that they were in Paris, has only served, of course, to make this already unscrupulous body still more unscrupulous and indiscriminating in its proceedings.

Emile de Girardin's wordy flourishes about a "Constitutional Opposition" and the "Empire with Liberty," could not have fallen more *mal apropos*; for directly upon the heels of this attempted new organization we have a demonstration from the Emperor to the effect that a curtailment of the present liberties (!) of the French people is essential to public order in France and to the general tranquillity of Europe. We have reason to believe that before the late attempt, and at the very moment when M. Girardin was eliminating his new doctrine, the Emperor was deliberating upon new repressive measures, and that he was only waiting for an occasion to render their introduction easy. The occasion has presented itself in the late attempts on his life, and the wheel is already in motion. After the suppression of *Le Spectateur* and *La Presse*, several other journals were informed that the same fate awaited them if they did not moderate their language for the future. The suppression of some foreign journals published in the French language was also demanded. A French provincial journal was "warned" for the following offence: The journal added, after its notice of the Emperor's speech on the occasion of the opening of the Legislative bodies, that, "*according to the Agence Havas*, (telegraph line,) the cheering which followed his Majesty's discourse was most enthusiastic." The Prefect's warning says that the offence was contained in the ambiguous manner in which the fact is recorded—"according to the telegraph"—when every one knows, says the Prefect, that the cheering must have been of the character indicated. Again: a professor in a literary institution, who had been heard to call in question the enthusiasm which was attributed to the Parisians in favor of his Majesty, was called before a country Prefect, the words were acknowledged, and he was discharged from his functions.

But the most serious blow upon the liberties of the French people is dealt by a decree from the Emperor in the *Moniteur* of this morning. This decree divides France into five military divisions, each of which is to be commanded by a Marshal of France, under the title of *Commandant Superieur* [illegible] Marshal Magnan, [illegible], will still retain command of what [illegible] been called the division of Paris, [illegible] Count Castellane of [illegible] division. The others will be [illegible] Marshals Pelissier, Canrobert [illegible]. The decree states that one [illegible] this new organization is to secure a greater facility in the suppression of troubles within the State, as each of these Marshal-Governors will have extended powers in his department. Thus in France not only is despotism; it has receded into a military despotism, the most execrable of all; for the new organization of the Empire would of course be unmeaning if the military governors were not to have more or less absolute control of the prefects, sub-prefects and magistrates of their respective districts. And all this in the name of public order, progress, prosperity and civilization!

The French Government has addressed notes to England, Belgium, Switzerland and the Governments on its southern frontier, in regard to the refugees and the revolutionary agitators. What will be the result of these notes I shall not undertake to predict. The Count de Persigny's speech at London shows tolerably well the state of the question between England and France. The latter will not demand more of England than England can give; and with this she will be satisfied.

Of the thousands of official felicitations sent in to his Majesty on his happy escape, very many call loudly for vengeance on the foreign miscreants, and for justice upon the Governments which harbor them. One of these documents, from the 50th Regiment of the Line, demands the privilege of marching into the den of the origands, (into England,) to wreak summary vengeance.

All the monarchs of Europe have sent special agents—men of high rank—with autograph letters of felicitation to the Emperor. The English in Paris held a large meeting, at Meurice's Hotel, a week ago, and passed a series of congratulatory resolutions, which a committee afterwards carried up to the Palace and read to the Emperor. Yesterday morning a notice appeared in *Galignani's Messenger*, and was copied into all the French journals of to-day, calling on the Americans to meet at the Hotel du Louvre to-morrow for the same object. Following eight days after the English meeting, four days after the arrival of the special messenger all the way from St. Petersburgh, and fifteen days after the attempt on the Emperor's life, this meeting cannot claim at least the character of a spontaneous movement; and as spontaneous sympathy in such a case is the only sympathy valued, I am afraid their regard for his Majesty will be held rather cheap. On the other hand, if no meeting takes place, which is more than probable, it will be taken for granted by those who saw the call and see no subsequent resolutions, that the proposed expression of sympathy was voted down by the meeting. So that in any case the position is an awkward one. I understand that the Count Joannes is the principal mover in getting up this call, and in procuring signers.

The death and funeral of the Queen of Oude, in this city, has furnished excitement to a certain portion of the population this week—to all who are fond of oriental grandeurs and oriental ceremonies. The Queen was buried in the Mussulman section of the cemetery of Père la Chaise, and the English Government has appropriated a certain sum to construct her a handsome tomb near by her temporary grave. Her body was embalmed in the oriental manner, and, as she was of the Mussulman faith, will not, of course, be burned.

MALAKOFF.

Conspiracy against the King of Naples.

Naples (Jan. 29) Correspondence of the London Times.

As a steamer is leaving Naples again today, and no other will be leaving for four days, I hasten to communicate the following particulars: The report, of which I informed you in a recent letter, that the French Government had advised the Neapolitan Government of some danger which menaced the life of the King, seems to be confirmed. My information is that 10 persons, Frenchmen, had landed here for such a purpose. Forewarned was to be forearmed, and the Police were consequently on the alert. Foreign spies of various countries have been employed, and some say that the men have escaped, others that they are known; but on this point I cannot say anything which is definite. It is not improbable, if true, that these designs were part of the conspiracy which was near sacrificing the life of the Emperor Napoleon. It is impossible to speak of such base and cowardly attempts in too strong terms, and in proportion as liberal men are enlightened and honest are they indignant against acts which compromise the holy cause of liberty and progress. I believe that the great body of the Liberals of this country utterly repudiate the designs of the assassin as subversive of all their hopes for the future, and as opposed to Christian morality, and I rejoice to think that from day to day the public opinion of this country becomes sounder and more enlightened as to what measures are best to be adopted for their political regeneration.

A conspiracy, too, has just been discovered at Ascoli, the precise object of which I have been unable to ascertain. It appears, however, that the Roman Government has long had its eye upon the deliberations and movements of some secret societies in that place, and that on hearing that Neapolitans also were concerned in it, it invited the coöperation of the Government of the two Sicilies. Neither Government was willing to take any premature steps until all the evidence of crime was collected; but last week a seizure was made and many arrests effected. The affair is little known at present in Naples; but the source from which I hear of it leaves little doubt of its truth.

The Indian Mutinies.

GENERAL WINDHAM'S REPULSE NEAR CAWNPORE.

Calcutta (Dec. 24) Correspondence of the London Times.

The history of General Windham's affair has not been written in this country. The English Press is most self-denying in the suppression of all news which may injure the great cause, and has remained silent. It seems clear that on that occasion we suffered what amounted almost to a repulse. On the 27th of November the Cawnpore force moved, as you know, under General Windham against the mutineers from Gwalior. The attack was successful, and the enemy decamped, losing three guns. Unfortunately, the camp was pitched among some brick-kilns outside Cawnpore, in a very bad position. On the following day, Nov. 28, the enemy, reinforced by the main body, advanced again, and commenced the regular native game at long bowls. The British replied with small guns and two 24-pounders, but the enemy's metal was as five to one in weight, and the cannonade on our side was ineffective, while that of the mutineers grew heavy. What happened then is differently related in every account. I believe the truth to be that one regiment, full of recruits, seeing no enemy, became confused. It did not, however, retire, or show any symptom of retiring till the order was given, and the whole force returned to the intrenchments. There an incomprehensible scene took place. The tents of the 38th and 34th are officially acknowledged as lost, but with them great quantities of clothing, commissariat stores, and baggage belonging to the relieving force in Oude, seem to have disappeared. Thus passed the first night. Next day (the 29th of November) the enemy came up in two columns, one on the camp and the other towards the city. At 10, fire opened upon the intrenchments, and at noon the 64th, headed by their Colonel, Brigadier Wilson, advanced to the Baptist Chapel. Here they were exposed to a fire which became first galling, and then unendurable, and with one gallant rush the men dashed at the guns. The movement had not been anticipated, and was not supported, and the 64th, only 180 in number, suffered heavily. The Brigadier fell shot; Captain Morphy, Brigadier-Major, was cut to pieces. McCrae, the Quartermaster-General, urged his horse right up to the guns, cheering on his men, till he was cut to ribands. Major Sterling got up to the batteries, and while stretching out his hand to spike a gun fell dead; and Captain Saunders, doing duty with the regiment, found himself with only 100 men and 10 officers out of 16 left alive. The bullets were falling in showers, the men were falling in sheaves, the arrival of supports was still delayed, and the gallant fellow, sick at heart, after holding the guns a quarter of an hour, was compelled to order a retreat. The retreat became general on the right, [illegible] was [illegible] Lucknow [illegible] morning.

[illegible] The enemy opened at about 6 A. M. of the 29th with a heavy cannonade from each flank, as well as from the centre, of shell, shot, grape, canister, &c., which was cordially returned from our intrenchments, and the firing continued incessantly for the entire day. About 10 A. M. the Commander-in-Chief's force commenced crossing, and during the day her Majesty's 53d and 93d the 23 Punjaub Infantry, Horse Battery of six guns, Foot Artillery, with five guns, the 6th Lancers, Hodson's Horse, Peel's Battery of two 24-pounders, and an eight-inch howitzer, came across. In the evening a detachment of the Madras Fusiliers and the 5th Punjaub Cavalry, with some of the ladies, children, and sick from Lucknow, came over. During the night a continued fire was kept up between our and the enemy's outposts. At 1 A. M. of the 30th the enemy's batteries again opened on us from the same positions as the day before, and it was one to their left flank which caused us greatest playing on the General Hospital and the staff and quarters of the Commander-in-Chief. The former was hit by several round shot. We replied in right good earnest, silencing the enemy's guns at times, but only for a while, since, shifting position, they invariably opened on us again. During the day the rations of the troops and refugees from Lucknow crossed over, and during the night the major portion of the enormous baggage camp. On the 1st December we received reinforcements from Allahabad. At 10 A. M. the enemy's batteries opened fire and ours returned it. H. M.'s 93d Highlanders captured one and spiked two guns, which latter they were unable to bring in. About 10 P. M. the enemy attacked the outposts of H. M.'s 93d and 42d, and were repulsed with great loss, and the firing on both sides lasted nearly all night. At 6 A. M. of the 2d the enemy's batteries opened again, and we responded; but the former was very soon quieted by five small mortars we got in position at the Gunga battery, under the direction of Captain Austin, whose fire was first-rate. Towards the afternoon an outer camp was formed, and telegraphic communication with Futtehpore and Allahabad resumed. From this day to yesterday the enemy's fire slackened considerably, and almost ceased—occasional shells and round-shot coming in at long and irregular intervals. Towards nightfall the ladies, children, and about 400 sick and wounded, left for Allahabad, with a good escort. On the 4th the enemy sent a fire-boat to destroy our bridge, but the act of the current turned it towards shore, and no mischief happened. At 8:10 A. M. of the 6th the enemy fired one shell, and then ceased. Just one hour after, every battery and gun from our intrenchment and the outer camp, as also the guns that had been sent out to bear on the enemy, opened fire simultaneously, and played briskly the live-long day. The foe replied enough, and seemed paralyzed. I have heard that several of their outposts were closely engaged with ours during the day, but I have not been able to obtain particulars. Shortly after 10 P. M. the enemy's extreme left flank advanced on our outposts, and opened a murderous fire of jingalls, rifles and grape, which our fellows replied to out canister for nearly two hours, and as briskly as they could load and fire. This was evidently an attempt to get possession of the bridge of boats, in which the rascals were thwarted. To-day not a shot has been fired, but the enemy has retreated; the arch-fiend, the Nana, with his blood-hounds, to Bitoor, via Sewrajpore, and the Gwalior force to Calpee, where they have a strong intrenched camp, with a large supply of ammunition and rest, and where it is said strong reinforcements await them.

DEFEAT OF THE REBELS BY BRIGADIER GRANT.

The same writer, continuing his narrative, adds, under date Dec. 10:

I hasten to let you know that news has just come in that Brigadier Grant's column, that went from the Commander-in-Chief's camp the night before last, attacked the rebels at Bitoor yesterday, committed great slaughter among them, captured the entire force of Nana, and took all the guns, ammunition, provisions, money, and property of every description that had been removed to Bitoor. It is said many of the scoundrels have fled in terror into Oude. Yesterday some of Sir J. Outram's treasure and camp came in, and he is said to be following with his force. May he come across these scoundrelly fugitives! A havildar of the rebel force was executed last evening, who stated, when examined, that Nana was not here during any portion of the time we were besieged, but remained at Bitoor; that his brother, the Bhagat Sahib, reached Calpee on the 18th ultimo, and was honored with a salute of 21 guns on his arrival; that he crossed his force there on the 21st as chief, with Surdhar Pandy as General-in-chief, and Tomma Topar second in command; that the rebel force consisted of little more than half of the Gwalior Contingent, some of Scindia's, Lloyd's own loyals from Dinapore, a large body of miscellaneous troops from Furruckabad, four regiments sent by the Nana, a number of men from Oude, and 42 guns from Calpee, besides some sent by the Nana; that the Rajah of Ghopalpore (in the Kutchwarghur district,) and the Zemindar of Tungrah, with their men, were with the rebels; that their treasure consisted of rs. 5,56,012-12 6—rather precisely calculated, I should say, to define the balance with such nicety.

Trifles.

"Donald," said a Scotch dame, looking up from the catechism to her son, "what's a slander?" "A slander, gude mither?" quoth young Donald, twirling the corner of his plaid; "awee, I hardly ken, unless it be mayhap an ower true tale which one good woman tells of anither."

A phriend, pheeling phunnily phigurative, phurnishes the phollowing: 4ty 4tunate 4esters 4nitously 4tifying 4 4lorn 4tresses, 4cilly 4bade 4ty 4midable 4eigners 4ming 4aging 4cus."

Brown is a married man. A few days since he thought of taking a trip to Paris. One of his friends meeting him in the street inquired:

"Well, Brown, my boy, when are you off?"

"To-morrow."

"Do you take your wife with you?"

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LAW INTELLIGENCE.

COURT CALENDAR—Thursday, Feb. 18.

Supreme Court—Circuit—Nos. 15, 77, 179, 183, 189, 191, 63, 189, 195, 197, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209.

U. S. Circuit Court.—Nos. 78, 79, 180, 20, 21, 26, 47, 48, 49, 150, 160, 62, 66, 67, 78, 98, 99, 107, 108, 109.

Common Pleas—By Court—Part 1.—Nos. 8, 77, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100 inclusive. Part II.—By Court—Nos. 2, 6, 9, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45, 69, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81.

The Jackson and Allen Case—Lola Montez not Present.

SUPREME COURT—Feb. 16.

Before John K. Whiting, Referee.

William H. Harvey, assignee of David Wemyss Jackson vs. *Norman B. Griffin.*—This case came again before the referee yesterday. Mr. Seely, counsel for defendant was proceeding to call witnesses, when Mr. Schermerhorn, counsel for plaintiff, objected to any witness being called until the cross-examination of Lola Montez was concluded. She was on the stand at the last adjournment of the Court, and her examination was not finished.

Mr. Seely said they might proceed with another witness, and leave the conclusion of her testimony till another time.

Mr. Schermerhorn decisively objected, and the referee remarking that it would be more regular to finish with Madame Lola before another witness was sworn, adjourned the case, with the understanding that the lady would certainly be present on the next occasion.

Important Presentment of the Grand Jury—The Observance of the Sabbath—Unsafe Condition of School-Houses.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Before Hon. Judge Russell.

The Recorder being engaged on special business at his own private office, Judge Russell yesterday occupied the bench. There were no trials, and only one plea was entered. Francis Chichester, indicted for stealing a watch worth $50, from Robert Goodacre, on Jan. 17, pleaded guilty to an attempt to commit grand larceny, and was sentenced to one year in the Penitentiary.

The Grand Jury, having finished their labors, came into Court with a batch of indictments, and the following important presentation:

New-York, Feb. 17, 1858.

The Grand Jury would respectfully present, that a serious and growing evil is the disregard, by certain classes of the public, of the laws designed to preserve the due observance of the Sabbath. Although these laws absolutely provide for the prohibition of all occupations, exhibitions, and entertainments calculated to detract from the quiet and respect due to the day, and (if properly enforced) are such in their nature as to insure to citizens of every denomination a full, free, and undisturbed opportunity for rest and worship, yet in some of the most populous sections of the City, and on the afternoons and evenings of the day, theatrical exhibitions, secular concerts, bowling and pistol galleries, juggling-shows, dancing-houses, bands of music, tippling-saloons, and every species of law-less pursuit, are maintained in open violation of the law, and in the disregard of the public authorities. To these lawless places are attracted vast numbers of the unguarded youth and immoralized maturity of both sexes, and dissipation, excitement, contaminating associations, quarreling, and frequent violence are among the consequences. Independently of the annoyance and offence which these disturbances create to the law-observing and Christian portion of the community, the fact that the laws may be thus openly violated, and the constituted authorities fail to observe their due enforcement, cannot but produce the feeling in the minds of the ignorant and ill-disposed, that the laws are not to be regarded as the rule of conduct, but only as the expression of the law; we would recommend that the laws of suppression of these exhibitions be [illegible]

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☞ The screw steamship *City of Baltimore* will leave this port to-day at 12 M. for Liverpool.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Cunard steamship *Baltic* is now in her fourteenth day out from Liverpool, and overdue at this port. Nothing had been seen of her at Sandy Hook at 10 o'clock last night, after which the telegraph ceased working beyond the Highlands.

Our advices by the *Niagara*, received yesterday morning, contain much matter of interest. From China we learn that the preparations for the attack upon Canton were complete on the 16th of December. Hostilities would, in all probability, be commenced about Christmas. YEH's answer to Lord ELGIN's ultimatum leaves no room to believe that negotiations could possibly be renewed until Canton has been taken and occupied. In the operations directed against that city France and England will act in concert. Commissioner REED, however, has preserved a strict neutrality. Our correspondent on board the *Portsmouth*, writing with knowledge of the facts, gives some interesting publications concerning Mr. REED's actual policy and his plans for the future.

Our Lima correspondent, in a letter which we publish to-day, gives some further details of the late attempted assassination of the Emperor. The conspiracy is understood to have been a thoroughly organized one. Five hundred men are supposed to have been implicated, and all had bound themselves by oath to effect the fiendish object of their plot. Important revelations, it is expected, will be made on the trial of PIERRI. Domestic news from Lima. The refugee question and "other preventive measures" still form the chief subjects of discussion in the political circles of Paris.

In the United States Senate yesterday, resolutions from the Michigan Legislature were presented, praying the admission of any more Slave States into the Union, denouncing the Lecompton Constitution, and a joint resolution relating to a protectorate over Central America and Mexico, was taken up, and after some debate laid on the table. The Army bill occupied attention for the rest of the day, but without any result. The House adopted a resolution declaring it inexpedient to admit the proxy of Mr. BROOKS who contests the election of Mr. DAVIS, of Maryland, for a special Committee to take testimony. Lecompton was discussed in Committee of the Whole on the Indian Appropriation bill.

The Government's purpose of superseding the present Canal Auditor by a Republican appointee met an unpleasant check in the Senate yesterday. All nominations made to that body go to a Committee of Business from the Judicial District in which the nominee resides, who report the next week, unless otherwise ordered. In this case a motion was made, and carried, that the Committee report on the 5th day of next July. This is equivalent to a rejection of the nomination and a retention in office of the present incumbent. It is understood to have been brought about by the vote of Mr. Shaw, who was elected an independent against the regular Republican candidate in the Genesee County District. It is possible, of course, that this action may be reversed.

Previous to the Executive Session, nothing of importance was done by the State Senate yesterday. In the Assembly, among the petitions presented was one to compel the payment of laborers' wages in coin or its equivalent. Bills were reported favorably, requiring returns of mechanics' deposits in savings banks; to repeal the Metropolitan Police Law, and to allow the Hudson Railroad to run engines to Thirty-second-street. The Committee on Commerce and Navigation were empowered to send for persons and papers in reference to the New-York Ferries. Two bills are to be introduced for the removal of the State Capital—one by Mr. HANFORD for its removal to this City, and the other by Mr. CLARK for its removal to Syracuse. Notice was also given of intention to introduce a bill for the construction of railroads on Broadway and parallel streets, and another to suppress intemperance and regulate the sale of intoxicating drinks. A bill was introduced for the better regulation of the New-York Fire Department.

The U. S. steam-frigate *Wabash*, bearing the broad pennant of Flag-Officer HIRAM PAULDING, arrived yesterday in 7 days from Havana. The following is the list of her officers: Flag-Officer—Hiram Paulding, Commander-in-Chief of the Home Squadron. Captain—Frederick Engle. Lieutenants—Jas. S. Sheckels, Edward A. Barnet, D. M. Fairfax, J. C. Beaumont, Leonard Paulding, G. P. Quackenbush, Hudson M. Garland. Purser—McLean Rodgers. Surgeon of the Fleet—G. R. B. Horner. Surgeon—Moses B. Chase. Captain of Marines—R. Macomber. Chief-Engineer—James W. King. Passed Assistant Surgeon—J. H. Otis. Assistant Surgeon—Wm. Johnson, Jr. Lieut. of Marines—Junius Lewis. Flag Officer's Secretary—Jackson Tredding. Midshipmen—M. Sickard, Edward Lea, R. E. Dalbie, E. S. Norton, A. P. Cooke, Geo. M. Blodgett, T. H. Eastman. Navy-Agent Genoa—Captain's Clerk—A. O. Shuff. Purser's Clerk—E. Mulnick. First Assistant Engineer—Montgomery Fletcher, D. R. Macomb. Second Assistant Engineers—T. Williamson, E. W. Hunter. Third Assistant Engineers—F. G. Foltz, T. L. Jones, J. W. Thompson, Jr., Geo. J. Barry. Boatswain—Chas. Woodland. Gunner—Wm. H. Hamilton. Carpenter—N. Mager. Sailmaker—James Ferguson.

Reports of disasters resulting from the gale which has prevailed for several days begin to reach us. A dispatch from Long Branch states that yesterday morning an unknown schooner was discovered ashore about half a mile off that point—judged, from the position of her rigging out of water, to be a wrecking vessel. A dead body was found in the rigging, and the rest of the crew are supposed to be lost. The schooner *Charles Colgate*, from Baltimore for this port, went ashore on Tuesday night at Squan Beach, and will probably be a total loss. The crew were saved.

The steamer *Magnolia*, running between Wilmington and Fayetteville, N. C., burst her boiler yesterday, killing from fifteen to twenty persons. No particulars are given.

The meeting of the Anti-Lecomptonites, intended for last Friday, came off last night at the Chinese Assembly Rooms. The room was crowded, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested. Mr. JAMES E. MACMASTERS, of the *Freeman's Journal*, called the meeting to order. Hon. GEO. BANCROFT presided, and introduced Hon. F. P. STANTON, who spoke for more than two hours, to the evident satisfaction of his audience.

The Board of Councilmen met last evening. The Board of Aldermen had adopted a communication from the Mayor, and also a resolution authorizing him to enter into negotiations with the Postmaster-General in relation to the erection of a new post-office at this City, at the expense of the general Government. With this action the Board of Councilmen concurred, adopting also an alteration carried in the other Board, which will render it imperative that all future proceedings be reported to the Common Council for confirmation, in the order of their [illegible]

The [illegible] of the Collins steamers is owing to the fact that Messrs. BROWN, BROTHERS & CO. have taken out a writ of attachment for $650,000 against the New-York and Liverpool Mail Steamship Company, and the steamers are in the hands of the Marshal upon attachment. The execution is returnable to-day from Jan. 23.

The Board of Education met last evening. A great deal of routine business was transacted. The reports of the School Inspectors of the different Wards with regard to the safety of the various school-houses, urge the necessity of making immediate alteration in most of them and rebuilding many. No prospect, this affords, of diminished expenditures in the School Department yet.

The examination of the charges preferred by the Comptroller, against Messrs. SMITH and FITZPATRICK, were continued yesterday before Recorder BARNARD. Messrs. DYKEMAN, BRANAGAN, PURDY and D. T. VALENTINE, Clerk of the Common Council, were examined. They gave an elaborate statement of the manner in which the Corporation business has been transacted for a considerable time previous to and since the death of JOSEPH S. TAYLOR. Mr. GRAHAM, for the defence, endeavored to show that Mr. SMITH occupied a responsible position in the office; that this was the cause of jealousy on the part of the other clerks; and that, hence, what would otherwise have been considered a mistake, was paraded as a criminal act. All the witnesses who were connected with the office, denied any feeling of jealousy, in most emphatic terms. Mr. VALENTINE testified that Mr. SMITH was the person who received papers in relation to contracts from him, and that he had the impression that his position in the Comptroller's office was that of confidential clerk: or at least that his position was one of more than ordinary responsibility. The Comptroller and his Deputy, Mr. CADY, were present during the entire day. Ex-Judge WHITING intimated that he would put Mr. FLAGG upon the stand before the close of the examination, which, at 3 P. M. was adjourned to Tuesday next.

Dr. LIEBER delivered at Mozart Hall, last night, his inaugural lecture upon assuming the Professorship of Political Economy in Columbia College. It was a most eloquent and altogether unique affair,—and though the hall was intolerably cold and the fringe of young collegians along the rear of the room, outrageously impertinent in their loud conversation, the audience unwillingly heard the distinguished speaker announce that he would try their patience no longer. His subject was Political Economy.

The Philosophical Society held its regular meeting at the Mechanics' Institute last evening, Professor MAPES, President of the Society, in the Chair. The subject for the evening was, "The influence of the atmosphere upon the surfaces on which it impinges." The subject for the next meeting is, "What are the probable substitutes for steam?"

The Grand Jury, in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, offered a presentment, in which especial reference was made to the habitual violation of the laws enacted for the proper observance of the Sabbath. The attention of the authorities was also drawn to the generally insecure state of our public-school buildings. The whole presentment was unusually interesting.

The trial of JOHN MEYERS and PETER SMITH, charged with attempting to kill JOHN B. JACQUES, in the Ninth Ward of Brooklyn, on Jan. 6 last, was commenced in the Kings County Court of Sessions, yesterday. The testimony of JACQUES himself, and of other witnesses for the prosecution, rehearsed the history of the outrage, which we have already published. Witnesses were examined by the defence, for the purpose of impeaching JACQUES' character. The case is not yet concluded.

JAMES DUYNCKINCK, who was shot on Monday night at the lager-beer saloon, No. 106 Canal-street, died at 8 o'clock last evening. WUDENKOFF, the Tenth Ward constable who shot him, is still kept in close confinement.

An extensive conflagration occurred last night in Maiden-lane and Liberty-street, in the early part of the evening, destroying three buildings and property to the amount of $250,000.

The Coroner's Jury, in the Pierpont-street (Brooklyn) homicide case, yesterday rendered a verdict, holding PATRICK LALLY, GEORGE NEGAREY, and JOSEPH J. MELLEN, to answer for the murder.

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Hoboken Fire Department Fund, held on Tuesday evening, Mr. WM. H. PECKHAM was elected Vice-President, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of PETER POWLESS; and Mr. CHARLES T. PERRY was elected Treasurer in the place of Mr. JOSEPH W. STICKLER, who had also resigned. The amount of money now in this Fund is about $2,000, and there are at present no pensioners.

The General Markets, yesterday, were heavy and languid for Cotton. Flour was in good demand at steady prices, though it closed quietly. A limited business was transacted in Wheat, while Corn was more freely dealt in at previous quotations. Provisions were less active. Hog products were somewhat irregular in price. White Beef advanced a shade. Rio Coffee was brisker and dearer. Sugars were more sought after at unchanged figures. Resin and Spirits Turpentine were in fair demand at full rates. Freights continued quiet, with 555 vessels of all classes in port.

The Cattle Market reports of yesterday's transactions indicate a good time for lovers of fine Beef who do not abstain from meat during the Lenten season. There was a large supply of unusually good Cattle on sale with but a moderate demand, and prices gave way early in the day and continued to decline until evening, when there were 300 to 400 animals unsold. The surplus resulted more from the large size and weights of the Cattle and the small demand, than from numbers offered, as the total City receipts for the week were but 3,030, which is 113 less than the average weekly receipts for last year.

Kansas Stops the Way.

It is generally understood that President BUCHANAN chafes exceedingly under the delays and embarrassments of the Kansas *imbroglio*. The Kansas carriage stops his way! He came into office eager and determined to render his Administration illustrious by the acquisition of Cuba, and by other practical applications of the principles of the Ostend manifesto. But the Kansas agitation has rendered it impossible for him to give the least attention to matters of that sort. Instead of acquiring new territory he is harassed and vexed to take care of what we have; and his principal motive for insisting upon the admission of Kansas under the Lecompton Constitution is the hope that he may thus be rid of the question altogether.

It is very common and popular to ascribe the course of the Administration upon the Kansas question to a distinct and explicit compact with the Slave Power. Mr. BUCHANAN is supposed to have covenanted before his election with the leading propagandists of Slavery, that he would bring Kansas into the Union as a Slave State; this pledge, it is believed, was the condition of his Southern support, and the necessity of redeeming it compels him to his present policy. We give no credit to these current imputations, partly because they are unnatural, and partly because they are unnecessary. Such secret political compacts, like the compacts popularly supposed to be made with the devil, are sometimes useful as furnishing an easy method of explaining what is otherwise unintelligible; and they are just about as imaginary as those infernal arrangements. We do not believe that Mr. BUCHANAN made any promise to bring Kansas into the Union as a Slave State, or that his present policy is in pursuance of any engagement with the Slavery propagandists of the South. The emergency of the day must always dictate the policy of the day; and neither Mr. BUCHANAN nor the South could any more foresee, a year and a half ago, the state of things in Kansas, than they can now foresee what its condition will be a year and a half hence.

But Mr. BUCHANAN undoubtedly sees that Kansas is infinitely troublesome to him—that it diverts public attention from other subjects, and until settled definitively, so far as the action of the Federal Government is concerned, will prevent any important movement in any other direction. He jumps to the conclusion, therefore, that if Kansas can only be brought into the Union, the connection of the Federal Government with its affairs will be ended; and under this conviction he determines to force it in, without any regard to manner, circumstances, or the opinions and wishes of the people of Kansas themselves. We have very little doubt that this is the main consideration which has governed his action. He is anxious to be rid of an embarrassing and vexatious subject, and takes what he supposes to be the speediest and most direct means of accomplishing that result.

But Mr. BUCHANAN should know that a straight line is not, in politics, as it is in mathematics, the shortest distance between two points. Forcing Kansas into the Union, against the will of her people, under a Constitution which they dislike, may involve much more serious objections than the delay which a more honest course might involve. If the people of Kansas, or any considerable portion of them, should obstinately refuse obedience to the authority thus imposed upon them,—and should forcibly and pertinaciously prevent the new State government from exercising its authority, a state of things might arise which would give the Executive a good deal more trouble than any which he anticipates.

But one thing is certain:—the settlement of the Kansas question will not end the causes of public excitement, or restore quiet and perpetual peace to the public mind. It is much more likely to be the prelude to new agitations and new projects of a much more formidable and engrossing nature. The instant Mr. BUCHANAN gets Kansas off his hands, he will enter zealously and vigorously upon the prosecution of his projects for the acquisition of Cuba. In the letter which he wrote to Senator BROWN of Mississippi, previous to the election, he declared that the acquisition of Cuba should be the great and leading object of his Administration, and that, whenever he could accomplish this, he would gladly resign and hand the office over to Mr. BRECKINRIDGE. It may safely be taken for granted that he has neither forgotten nor abandoned this intention, and that he will enter upon its prosecution the instant he can obtain relief from other engagements.

The Americans in China.

The full details of the English operations before Canton, furnished by the correspondent of the London *Times*, in a letter which we this morning publish, confirm in every particular the views which we yesterday took of the actual position and probable progress of affairs in the East, and throw into the strongest relief the impracticable, not to say the insignificant character of the attitude to which our own Minister seems to be condemned by the policy of the Administration. A letter from our own Correspondent at Hong Kong amply bears out the impression conveyed in the letter of our British cotemporary, that Mr. REED has been subjected to a mortifying rebuff by the Imperial Commissioner, and that the attempt to deal with the Chinese, as one might deal with the Mexicans or the Spanish, has been attended with all the ridiculous consequences which any person, familiar with the Chinese character and policy, might easily have predicted at the outset. We can very well understand that the actual complication of diplomatic relations in China may have appeared to the American Administration to offer an admirable opportunity for a winning game of "masterly inactivity," and astute neutrality. Had the Chinese been Europeans, nothing could have been easier than for an American Envoy to step in between YEH and Lord ELGIN, and secure for himself and his country a favorable treaty on the most agreeable terms. But as the Chinese are not Europeans but Chinese, Mr. REED has found himself suddenly left in the most unpleasant category of the vocative case; calling aloud, that is, and receiving no answer; making conciliatory advances, and being rather abruptly advised to wait until he is wanted.

The opportunity for making our flag respectably conspicuous in the Chinese waters, has probably slipped away before this time. The attack on Canton was doubtless made before Christmas by the combined forces of France and England, and as the knot of the Chinese difficulty centres at Canton, it has, we presume, been already loosened by the sword. It is useless, therefore, to regret that we have not done what it is too late for us to attempt to do, but in the certainly possible event of prolonged and serious hostilities in the Chinese seas it is highly desirable that our Minister should be prepared to make the American interest in all commercial treaties past and present *felt and recognized by the Chinese themselves*. This is a matter not merely of *amour-propre*, but of sound policy. For the sake of the Chinese as well as for our own interest, it is extremely important that the conclusion of the present serious discussion should not leave in the Chinese mind any such notion of our inferiority to the English and the French as will infallibly be generated by our failure to participate in the exaction of the rights of the Christian powers. We may be very sure that if the Chinese are forced to render justice to the claims of Christendom, they will seize the earliest opportunity of avenging upon the subjects of any Christian State which may seem to them to occupy a secondary rank among the barbarians, the concessions wrung from them by the strong.

If, however, Mr. REED is to be armed with authority to avail himself of the progress of events, he must also be armed with the means of availing himself of that authority. Commissioner YEH may well afford to laugh at our impotent envoy, who for all practical purposes might as well be talking at him from the Territory of Minnesota as from the gigantic steamer of that name. Before Mr. REED sailed for China, we dwelt with specific urgency upon the necessity of providing him with vessels of light draught, in which he might be able to reach the great seats of Chinese authority, and we have reason to know that the particular attention of the Government was drawn to our representations by Mr. REED himself. As yet, however, no step has been taken towards giving the American Mission efficiency, and our Plenipotentiaries now sits, like Rogero, "beside the bottomless pool of despondency, angling for impossibilities."

HARD UP.—Poor old BENNETT says that the Congressional Committee of investigation "have ascertained that $8,000 of the $37,000 expended by LAWRENCE, BROWN & Co., was spent on the TIMES and *Journal of Commerce* of this City." This is a fair specimen of the desperate shifts to which the *Herald* is reduced. The statement is a pure invention,—as nothing of the kind has ever been hinted in any other quarter or dreamed of by the Committee. But this is a matter of not the slightest consequence. Poor BENNETT *must* make an effort of some kind against his "obscure cotemporary," and the only way it can be done is by downright lying.

The Press and Dr. Bellows' Lectures.

Rev. Dr. BELLOWS, we regret to see, has been thrown into an unhappy state of mind by the failure of his lectures on Pauperism and Crime to attract that degree of public attention which they deserved. He has written a letter to the Editor of the *Tribune*, which we transfer to our own columns, in which he censures with some justice and a good deal more of tartness, the inadequate and occasionally unintelligible reports of them which appeared in that paper; and with the avowed *charitable intent of relieving our neighbor from the* suspicion that he is alone in thus offending, the reverend gentleman attempts to drag the TIMES into the same condemnation. We would do anything in reason to salve the wounded *feelings of the Tribune*, but we cannot submit to so sweeping an impeachment of our sanity and common sense as the Doctor's letter embodies.

Dr. BELLOWS quotes from the TIMES of Tuesday morning what he says pretends to be a "report" of his lecture of the previous evening. The paragraph in question purports to be no such thing. Our report of the lecture was crowded out by the pressure of news and other matter in which, it was believed, the public would feel a keener interest,—and the sentence over which he makes so much ado was inserted under the "News of the Day"—not as a report of the lecture,—but merely as a notice that it had been delivered. In printing it the type-setters made one or two blunders in punctuation,—as will be seen by the following comparison:

As Written.	*As Printed.*
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Dr. BELLOWS expends all the force of his indignation upon this unhappy substitution in the TIMES of a period for a comma! Upon the strength of that mistake, which a very little unexcited attention would have enabled him to correct, he reads the Press a very serious and impressive homily upon "the employment of incompetent, insufficient, or unreliable persons in the responsible office of reporters,"—which he characterizes as a "great offence against those public men who ask no patronage from the Press, but only *either entire neglect* or correct reports of their public performances." We concede the justice of the requirement that "correct reports" should be given where any are attempted; and we claim, in spite of the Doctor's laborious criticism upon a typographical error, that, as a general thing, the reports of the TIMES, though not all we hope to make them, are not obnoxious to serious objection in this respect.

But Dr. BELLOWS does himself, as well as the Press, much less than justice in craving for his public performances "entire neglect"—because he "asks no patronage from the Press." We took great pleasure in complying with the request that we should call public attention to this series of lectures, and supposed that we were entitled thereby at least to the courtesy which is always due to a well-meant service. It was not our fault that "the guides and teachers, the clergymen and fathers of the City" had more serious engagements, to use his own language, than listening to these lectures by one whom "nineteen years of public life in New-York" had so well qualified to discuss the subject. We did what we could to bring the matter to the public attention by noticing the lectures from day to day:—if the Press had practiced that "entire neglect" which the Doctor now appears to crave, his audiences might have been even smaller than those which he did address.

Dr. BELLOWS evinces in this letter what seems to us to be rather an undignified and uncalled-for sensitiveness to the errors of the Press, as well as to the neglect of the Public. It was quite proper for him to correct the misrepresentation of his sentiments which led to Dr. TYNG's denunciation, and we can very well excuse the sharp, though needlessly, personal terms in which he rebukes the criticism of that divine. But we do not think he was called upon to denounce the Press or to read it so severe a lecture upon its duties and responsibilities as the incident has provoked. At all events, he should have some better ground than a trifling typographical error in punctuation, for so sweeping a censure as he passes upon the reports of the TIMES.

NEW-JERSEY'S ULTIMATUM.—There is a resolution before the Legislature at Albany for the appointment of a new set of Commissioners, consisting of three prominent citizens of the State, to proceed to New-Jersey, and endeavor to complete a negotiation with the authorities for the permission to locate our Quarantine at Sandy Hook. But we fear that no attempt of the kind will be successful unless the demands of our modest neighbor are acceded to. It has been intimated that if Dr. THOMPSON, the Health Officer, should be willing to share the fees of his office with some Jersey Blue, or if the State pride of our neighbor were modified by a reasonable number of appointments at the Quarantine, the desired object might be obtained.

But we hardly think the ambition of New-Jersey could be so easily satisfied. Judging from the tone of the New-Jersey Press, we should say that nothing short of yielding to our sister State the whole of Staten Island, which she claims as her rightful property, will be regarded as an adequate compensation for the privilege of spending a million or two of dollars in building hospitals and wharves at Sandy Hook.

But, in naming such extravagant terms, probably our neighbor remembers the prudent maxim, "If you fly for a sixpence, you will stand a chance of obtaining at least a sleeve."

TOLLS ON RAILROADS.—In the perspicuous report of Hon. H. S. PARSONS, Canal Auditor, which appeared in yesterday's TIMES, he takes decided ground in favor of reimposing canal tolls upon the competing Railroads, which measure he urges as one of justice to the State, whose revenue has been seriously impaired by the removal of tolls from the Railroads in 1851.

The Auditor shows very clearly that the Act of that year releasing the Central and Erie roads from the payment of tolls, together with the resolution of 1852, in the tariff of canal tolls thereby made necessary, has had the effect materially to lessen the receipts of the State Treasury.

It cannot be doubted that a reimposition of tolls upon Railroads would greatly replenish the Treasury, and enable the State much more *easily to pay off the Canal debt. Such a* measure possesses, too, a large popularity among the tax-payers, who naturally prefer seeing the railroads assessed to submitting themselves to an operation so disagreeable.

Yet these facts by no means prove either the justice or the expediency of tolling the railroads. The State has chosen to enter into the carrying trade. It has built the Erie Canal for the accommodation of all who may wish to use it. But it should submit to competition like all others engaged in like business. If the Railroads are able to divert trade from the Canal, it must be because they offer superior inducements. The State, indeed, has the power to cripple those avenues of transportation, and thus drive them out of the field of freight competition; but is this a power that ought to be exercised? Decidedly not. Such a measure, too, would prove, in its operation, oppressive to the mass of the people, and injurious to their interests; for the freest use of all the avenues to market is one of the most important advantages which can be enjoyed by the farmer, the merchant and the mechanic. We are not of those who apprehend any permanent injury to the interests of the Canals from the influence of Railroads. Water carriage possesses peculiar advantages, which will assert their claims. Temporary declension of Canal revenues will occur, and has occurred. But time will vindicate the Canals. We believe the true policy of the State is to complete the enlargement as soon as practicable, and leave competition free.

THE BOOKS IN THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE.—We copied from the Albany *Atlas and Argus* a few days since, a note from Mr. N. S. BENTON, the Auditor of the Canal Department, contradicting a report in the *Tribune* that the books of his office had not been posted for a year. Mr. BENTON's correction was neither full nor explicit. It was, doubtless, intended merely to deny that the books have *fallen* in arrear during his administration, though he refers to the fact that "two Reports from the Department for the last fiscal year have been sent to the Legislature," as presumptive evidence of the incorrectness of the statement in question.

We believe the facts of the case to be somewhat different, both from the *Tribune's* report and from Col. BENTON's implied contradiction of it. Unless we have been misinformed, the books of the Auditor's Department *have not been posted for several years*:—and, though Mr. BENTON may not be any more responsible for the neglect than either of his predecessors, the defect is one which should, by all means, be corrected. The records of the Commissioners of the Canal Fund, if we are not mistaken, for 1855, contain a resolution adopted by them, directing the Auditor to have the books of the Department posted immediately,—as it was then notorious that they were greatly in arrear. Whether the instructions of this resolution were ever carried into effect we are not aware, as there was immediately afterwards a change in the Board as well as in the Auditorship; but the default, at all events, did not commence with the present Auditor.

The whole matter of book-keeping has passed into the hands of the Chief Clerk, who has, upon memoranda of his own, the materials from which the annual reports of the Department are made up,—which could not be gathered from the books—certainly not, without the Chief Clerk's assistance. One result of this neglect to post the books, whether intentional or otherwise, has been, that the Chief Clerk has become an indispensable *attaché*, and has not suffered the fate of other subordinate officers in the various political changes of the day. The public service has, undoubtedly, profited by his retention, but it ought to be due to some better cause.

THE LAW'S DELAY.—A Select Committee of the Assembly, of which Hon. JAMES S. SLUYTER is Chairman, made a report yesterday on the delays and other abuses in our Courts of Justice. This report, published in the TIMES of to-day, contains some sensible suggestions, which we commend to the attention of the Bench and the Bar.

In some of the Judicial Districts business is not in arrear, while in others it is largely so—a difference explained by the well-known fact that there is an immense disparity in the number of causes—the Court business in New-York City alone exceeding the aggregate in all the other seven Districts. The Committee believe that the number of Supreme Court Judges in the State (thirty-two) is sufficient for all the business, and that with proper distribution and discipline every cause might be disposed of in the term when it is entered upon the calendar. They think the Judges should not confine their labors and responsibility to their respective Districts, but should meet, confer and apportion their force, by which any great accumulation of causes could be entirely prevented. As matters are now managed, we have, not one Supreme Court, as the constitutional theory is, but eight, acting separately, without concert, and, of course, with comparative inefficiency.

The frequency of injunctions is also pointed out by the report as an evil requiring speedy abatement.

The Committee have framed two bills—one imposing a penalty upon the postponement of causes and useless appeals; the other providing against the abuse of injunctions. But they express the opinion that the remedy for existing evils rests mainly with Judges and lawyers, and with suitors whose interest is so deeply [illegible] Courts.

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To the Editor of the [illegible]

Referring to a letter [illegible] TIMES, on the 23d inst. on the subject of the [illegible] made to my house in November, it has [illegible] occurred to me, in consequence of various [illegible] remarks contained in American papers on the subject of guarantees given for the same, that it [illegible] advisable to state the following particulars:

The Charter of the Bank of England forbids the Governor and Directors from lending money on any but British securities, and a considerable portion deposited by my house being in bonds of the various States and cities of the United States, the rule of the Bank required, in addition, a responsible name, (as it would have done had the securities been United States Treasury notes,) which was promptly given. The Joint Stock Banks required no such addition. Some personal friends, [illegible] ties interested, (about eight in number,) have given their names to guarantee separate sums, [illegible] ing to about £90,000 in the aggregate only, out of the £300,000 which my house has received from the Banks. The parties who have become guarantees feel, as myself and partners do, that [illegible] rities having been given by my firm for the full sum borrowed, their responsibility is merely nominal.

The circumstance of all the three great American houses who obtained assistance from the Bank of England in the crisis of 1857 having given guarantees, without other security, has doubtless led the correspondents of the American press into the errors to which I have alluded.

I am, very respectfully yours,

GEORGE PEABODY.

LONDON, Monday, Jan. 26, 1857.

Political News.

The town elections in Steuben County have resulted in the election of a Republican Board of Supervisors.

In Chemung County the Democrats have carried the Board of Supervisors.

In St. Lawrence County the Republicans have gained a small majority on town elections.

Academy of Music.

Mr. ULLMAN's Spring season—it will be opera—commences on Monday next. The programme is unusually interesting, the two principal features being Mr. FRY's opera of "Leonora" and Meyerbeer's "Huguenots." For the opening night Balfe's opera of "I Puritani" has been selected—with Formes, Lucchesi, Gassier, &c., in the cast. The sale of tickets commences to-day at the Academy and the other places.

Destructive Fire in Liberty-street, with Loss on Same—Three Buildings Destroyed—Loss $250,000.

About 7 o'clock last night (Wednesday) a fire was discovered in the six-story building, No. 88 Maiden-lane and No. 23 Liberty-street. The building extended through from street to street, and was about 40 feet front. The flames were seen on the ground, but notwithstanding their existence they spread with great rapidity, and in a very short time the entire edifice was in flames. It was first seen on the top or sixth floor on the Maiden-lane side, and on the second floor on Liberty-street. It is uncertain as yet, on which floor the fire originated.

The second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors were occupied by CHARLES ARMSTRONG, dealer and importer of fancy porcelain china and glass ware. The entire stock was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at from $150,000 to $200,000, and said to be insured for $100,000 in the following Companies. The first floor and basement was occupied by WEBBER & Co., manufacturing jewelers, hardware, &c. A portion of their stock was saved but the loss will amount to about $100,000, said to be fully insured. The building is owned by GEORGE K. WEBBER. It is totally destroyed—loss about $10,000, fully insured. The flames soon extended into the upper floors of No. 88 Maiden-lane, also occupied by WEBBER & Co., destroying all the stock.

The first floor was occupied by FLEMS & Co., dealers in cloths. Their stock was all removed by the Insurance patrol and firemen. It will be somewhat damaged by water, probably to the amount of $1,000, insured for $7,000 in the LENOX, LENNOX and MANHATTAN Insurance Companies. The building is owned by the estate of JAMES TRUMBOCK. It is damaged about $4,000. We were unable to learn if it was insured, as the agent resided out of town. The fire also communicated to No. 23 Liberty-street, a three-story brick building occupied by EDWARD HOE, importer of French and German fancy goods. His stock was nearly all destroyed. Mr. H. estimates his loss at about $40,000, on which he has $20,000 insurance. The building is damaged about $2,000, and it is said to be insured. Building No. 69 Maiden-lane and No. 21 Liberty-street, occupied by KEWES & KIRKPATRICK, importers of China and glass ware, was also damaged. The stock of fancy goods in No. 54 Maiden-lane, owned by ALTMAN, BERNHAMER & Co., was damaged by water about $1,000. The stock is insured for $102,000.

At one time fears were entertained for the safety of several of the adjoining buildings. The sparks were very thick and large. Several of the buildings were on fire on the roof, but the flames were soon extinguished. A shed in the rear of No. 11 Gold-street, occupied as a packing-box manufactory, was on fire, and the bells again sounded an alarm for the Seventh District, but through the prompt action of the firemen the flames were soon extinguished.

FIRE IN WEST NINETEENTH-STREET.—At 7 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in the basement of No. 123 West Nineteenth-street, occupied by a German baker. The damage, principally by water, amounted to about $100. Several poor families occupied the upper part of the building, and one or two moved out their furniture, expecting the building would be consumed.

VESSELS IN PORT.—There were in this port and Brooklyn on Tuesday, 20 steamers, 118 ships, 64 barks, 67 brigs, and 277 schooners; total, 546. Of these there are up for foreign ports 109; for distant ports in the United States, 61; total, 164; leaving 382 vessels of all kinds lying at our docks without any particular employment or destination.

The screw steamship *New-York*, of the Glasgow and New-York Steamship Company, left this port on the 19th of January, in company with the *Baltic*, and arrived at Greenock on the 28th, the same day that the *Baltic* reached Liverpool,—an unusually quick passage.

THE READING FUGITIVE.—Mr. HUGGINS, of Lovejoy's Hotel, assures us that the story we published on the authority of the New-York Police, concerning the arrest on Tuesday morning of an alleged fugitive from Reading, was all wrong. The fugitive was at Lovejoy's, though not known, and the Clerk offered to render to the New-York Officer all possible aid in arresting him, when identified. But the officer was not sure of his prisoner and concluded to defer it till morning. Before the officer returned next morning—some hour and a half—the Reading Officer arriving had effected the arrest. The New-York Officer was not "blown on" by the clerk, but the Reading Officer did blow him up handsomely for his dilatoriness, which was very near cheating Justice of a victim.

☞ The steam-propeller 10-gun corvette built for the Emperor of Russia by W. W. WEBB, Esq., of this City, was yesterday raised on the large Balance Dry-Dock foot of Pike-street, to be coppered, before making her trial trip, in a few days. She is about 1,400 tons, full rigged, and a splendid specimen of what can be done by the naval architects of this City.

MORE LIGHT WANTED.—Capt. WEED, of the Second Ward, reports that more than half the gas lamps in his Precinct were not burning on Tuesday evening. In Platt-street a single lamp was burning, giving just enough light to make the darkness visible.

☞ The receipts of the "Calico Ball" at the Academy of Music amount in cash to $5,136, and of goods donated in addition $1,424, total, $6,560; from this take $2,284 expenses, and the balance left for charity is $4,562.

MURDER IN PHILADELPHIA.—On Tuesday PETER CONWAY, an Irishman, 42 years old, was murdered in his own distillery, in Sloper-street, near Phœnix, in Philadelphia, during an entertainment given to his friends on the occasion of opening the place. JOHN WILSON and PATRICK BRADLEY, both Irish, quarreled with him, and CONWAY was stabbed, dying in three hours afterwards. The murderers are under arrest.

THE SEATS OF JUSTICE.

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LONG ISLAND.

THE PIERREPONT-STREET HOMICIDE.

Close of the Investigation—Verdict of the Jury.

This investigation was continued yesterday before Coroner Connes and a Jury. The following testimony was taken:

Frederick J. Nadine sworn.—I reside at No. 60 Johnson-street; keep a stable next door to No. 126 Pierrepont-street—the premises of Mr. Story; knew the deceased for five years; I was in No. 126 Pierrepont-street about five and a half o'clock Saturday last; saw there Wm. Night, Mr. Voorhies, John H. Parry, Mr. Morris, Samuel Raymond, Stephen Story, (keeper of the house,) Mr. Williams, Mr. Perkins, (bar-keeper,) and George H. Simonson, (the deceased;) there might have been one or two others there; saw three persons come in there a few minutes before six o'clock; the persons in there were standing about in the room; deceased was in the back room, near the fire-place; one of the three persons who came in had on a high Kossuth hat, dark clothes; have heard since that he was called Lally; think he did not wear whiskers; another taller than Lally, named Mellen, had a light-colored coat on, with light bone buttons—a fine coat; he was about as tall as I am, (5 feet 8½ inches;) don't know what kind of a hat he had on; he wore a moustache and whiskers on the lower part of his face; the third person had on dark clothes, medium height, rather short and stout, in size between the other two; heard his name was Lally; he wore a cap; (witness here exercised himself, and said that he had called Lally McGarry;) the cap was a plush cap; his face was a little pock-marked—no whiskers; when they came in I was standing by the stove, near the folding-door, in the front-room; they walked up to the bar in the back-room, and in about a minute, when Lally made the expression—"I can lick any son of a b—s in the house;" heard nothing said to them before that; then saw the deceased get up and say something to Lally, which I could not hear—it was low; heard Lally make said to the three persons when I was in there; in the course of fifteen or twenty minutes I went out to my supper; the three parties remaining there; deceased, after he spoke to Lally, went away, and went to talking with some one else; after Lally made the expression, they (the three) drank; when I left everything was quiet and peaceable; returned from my tea about seven o'clock, and went into my stable; as I got in the stable heard a tremendous fall or tumble on the steps next door (No. 126); the jar was so hard as to cause me to turn round; as I got outside, I saw two men leaving the last step on the stoop and another tumbling down the steps head foremost; there are eleven steps; the falling man was a little more than half-way down the steps when I first saw him—his head coming the fastest; as he got on the last step his feet slewed around even with his head and he fell on the sidewalk; I ran towards him and before I got to the body a man came down the stoop, stepped over the body, turned and looked at it, and ran away; when falling down the steps the man appeared to be perfectly lifeless; he did not appear to grasp at anything, but fell heavily upon each stair; the two parties who left the last step ran towards Fulton-street; passing near me; the last man ran also towards Fulton-street and passed near me; without stopping I ran up stairs and gave the alarm, saying that there was a man badly hurt or killed; or something of that kind; I ran right back, and with others caught hold of the man who had fallen, and carried him into the bar-room and laid him on the floor near the folding doors, when the Doctors were sent for; saw Dr. Cochran; manage the wound; it appeared to commence above the left eye, and glanced down to the inner side of the eye; I think it was cut with some instrument; it appeared to be a clean cut; deceased was senseless; noticed blood on the steps the next morning; did not that evening; there are two doors at the head of the steps, swinging inside, to a recess, which extends back to eight or nine feet to lattice doors; the entrance to the bar-room is on the right hand about centre way of this recess; the front doors were open; the sill of the outside door is on the top step; in the recess there were drops of blood, which might have dropped there when they were bringing him up the evening previous; there was other blood in the recess and in the casing of the bar-room door, which looked as though it had spirted there; think four assisted to carry him; made no stop with him until we got into the bar-room; four or five steps down there were a few spots, and then within two or three steps of the bottom there were several dabs of blood, on the side that his head was; there was considerable of a pool of blood on the flagging; think there was blood on every step—but not so much as on the three or four lower ones.

To a Juror—He made no effort to get up that I saw. There was no light over the door that night; there is a light back of the lattice doors, there is no light in the recess; the bar-room door has four panes of glass over it and there is a light in the bar-room, directly opposite the door; think you could see from the recess into the bar-room; think can see through from the bar-room to the recess; there was a light in the office of my stable; the glass over the door is clear glass; there is a street lamp opposite my stable; it was not burning at the time, I think. *To Juror*—There is a space each side of the bar-room door; in the recess a man coming out of the bar-room in a hurry, would not be likely to notice a man standing near the lattice doors in the recess.

Direct—I have seen Lally, Mellen and McGarry since; saw Mellen and Lally in the Station-house last night and McGrary this morning; they are the same men that I saw that morning from the stoop; the last one was the tall one with a drab overcoat and bone buttons; his name is Mellen.

To Juror—James Phelen picked up the cap; I did not see him; he has lived with me five years; the two first who ran from the stoop ran very fast; don't know what they had on their heads; the last had a hat on and did not run so fast; deceased wore a hat that day; it was picked up on the sidewalk; my men followed close behind me when I went to the stoop.

[At this stage of the proceedings the jury went and examined the premises No. 126 Pierrepont-street.]

Witness resumed—(Cap shown) that is the cap worn by Lally in the saloon or one similar to it.

James Phelen, sworn.—I live at 256 Washington-street; knew deceased; am in the employ of Mr. Coxine; recollect picking up the cap shown in the passage-way going down stairs adjoining the stoop of No. 126 Pierrepont-street; don't know how it came there; first saw deceased at the foot of the stairs; did not help to carry the body in; saw one man running, I think, from Mr. Story's stoop; thought he had nothing on his head; cannot say positively; Mr. Nedine and another person named Hartt came out of the stable together; gave the cap to Mr. Story, who said that it belonged to some of the party.

To Juror—Cannot say whether the man I saw running had anything on his head or not.

Joseph Smith, sworn.—I am captain of the First Precinct police; Lally is in my custody; he was brought in about five or ten o'clock last Saturday night; (cap shown;) after he was brought in I took him into my private office and he was there searched; just before the officer got through the search an officer brought this cap to me; think it was officer Danton; he said that it had been picked up near the deceased, and did not belong to any person there; took the cap and went to Lally in the private office, and asked him if I was his cap; he said "Yes, that is my cap, and I am glad to get it, too;" he took the cap and put it on his head; asked him where he got the one on his head, and he said "At the engine-house;" I marked the cap.

To a Juror—I am positive that is the cap; I marked it at the time, and it has been in my possession ever since.

The Jury expressed themselves satisfied without hearing any more testimony, and retired to consider their verdict.

After an absence of one hour they returned and rendered the following

VERDICT.

That the said George H. Simonson, deceased, came to his death by a blow or blows (and injuries consequent thereupon) inflicted at the hands of Patrick Lally, James J. Mellen and George McGarry, or more of them, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 13th day of February, inst.; and the Jury do further say, that the said blow, or blows, was, or were, premeditated, and that a dangerous weapon was used by the party or parties who struck the blow or blows.

(Signed,) FRANCIS C. KIRBY, Foreman.

John C. Smith, Stephen Gabeon, E. Burgess, G. Baker, Wm. W. Walsh, W. O. Lewis, Samuel Foster, J. E. Arnaz, T. H. Walsh, Charles H. Smith, John McDonald.

THE PRISONERS COMMITTED.

At 7 o'clock the prisoners were arraigned before the Coroner, and to the usual questions answered as follows:

PATRICK LALLY says he is 22 years of age; native of Ireland; resides in Canton-street, near Tillary; is a plumber by trade, (works in the Navy-Yard.) To the charge against him, he said: "*I am an innocent man.*"

GEORGE MCGARRY was next arraigned, and said: "I am 22 years old; born in Brooklyn; no occupation; reside in Canton-street, near Tillary. *I am not guilty of the charge.*"

JOSEPH J. MELLEN said: "I am 22 years old; born in New-York; plumber by trade, (work in the Navy-Yard;) reside at No. 166 Reade-street, New-York. *I am not guilty of the charge.*"

The prisoners were then committed to the county jail.

KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.—At a meeting of this Board held Tuesday last, a remonstrance was adopted against the act now before the Legislature creating Commissioners of jurors, and against the act to authorize the appointment of a matron to the female department of the County Jail.

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AMUSEMENTS.

AGAINST ALL ODDS—THE ANGEL.

Only Night of Balfe's Opera, THE BOHEMIAN GIRL.

MADAME DE LA GRANGE,
CARL PERGNI, GARDER,
who will appear for the last time in his great rôle of Georgio.

On TUESDAY, Feb. 21, 22, 23 & 24.

Price of admission to all parts of the house, uniform 25 cents extra.

OPERA MATINEE.

On which occasion will be produced Balfe's celebrated Opera (very performing in Paris with great success) of THE BOHEMIAN GIRL.

Tickets for the Opera Matinee will be invariably closed at the Opera Matinee.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The Director begs to announce that subscriptions will be received for the first six nights.

TERMS OF A SUBSCRIPTION TICKET for the first six nights, including a ticket for RESERVED SEAT, $5.

Every subscriber will receive extra premium.

A BEAUTIFUL POCKET TICKET-CASE AND MAVINERS.

The operas will be—1 PURITANI, ROBERT LE DIABLE, Both GIOVANNI, THE CHILD OF THE REGIMENT, with a new cast, ERNANI, with a new cast; THE ITALIANS IN ALGIERI, LA TRAVIATA, unless prevented by circumstances beyond the control of the director.

SUBSCRIPTION TICKETS will only be sold on Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Friday, from 9 A. M. to 12 M., at the office of the Academy of Music, BESSIDE'S, No. 701 Broadway, and SHIELD'S, No. 22 Walker, corner of Broadway.

THE SALE OF SEATS FOR PURITANI will commence on Friday morning (Feb. 10) precisely, at all the usual places.

THE SALE OF SEATS FOR THE MATINEE (Italiana in Algeri) will commence on Monday, Feb. 20, at all the three tickets.

BARNUM'S AMERICAN MUSEUM.

THIS EVENING, THIS EVENING, THIS EVENING.

THE GREAT COMEDY OF LYONS.

Mr. Jordan, Mr. Peters, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Goddard, Mr. Wheatleigh, Jeanne, Miss Laura Keene.

THE MAN FREEBORN'S WIFE.

Mr. Jordan, Mr. Jefferson, Mr. Peters, Mr. Peters.

Performance commences at 7½ precisely.

REVIVAL OF THE WHEATLEIGH ON SATURDAY next.

BROADWAY THEATRE.

Lessee and Manager, Sole Lessee.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 16,

THE WAN AMERICAN'S MASTERPIECE, THE GREAT EQUESTRIAN, PIPPO SALB.

NOTICE.

Gallery will be entirely every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. Doors open at 1; performance commences at half-past 1.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.

Lessee and Proprietor, Mr. L. Eddy.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 16,

Will be presented the drama of

JACK SHEPPARD.

To conclude with the

LOCKSMITH OF STOCKHOLM.

WALLACK'S NATIONAL THEATRE,

Broadway, near Bleecker.

THIS EVENING, THIS EVENING, THIS EVENING.

ALMOST THE SCOURGE OF THE MISSOURI.

To be followed by the Fashionable Sketch:

BOREAS.

The whole to conclude with the Drama of

LESTELLE.

Doors open at 7 o'clock.

BOWERY THEATRE, NO. 205 BOWERY.

EXTRAORDINARY FOR THE LAST WEEK.

The celebrated Equestrian Drama of

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With a Special Introduction of the surroundings enclosed by Man and his daring Followers, by

MR. CHARLES PARKER, Esq.

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EVERY EVENING at 7 o'clock, and WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS at 2 o'clock.

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THE ORIGINAL ETHIOPIAN SERENADERS.

The Celebrated Ethiopian and Delineator, Mr. Buckley and his Droll and Comical BIBBOU SUCKER.

The Celebrated Elegant TIPTOP SLABO and the Irish Horse MAZEPPA will appear. Ballads, Songs, &c.

Performance every night, to commence at 7½ precisely.

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CELEBRATED PAINTING OF THE HOLY FAMILY,

Copied by the Pupils of the Royal Academy, Madrid, is now on Exhibition at the

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Admittance 50 cents. M. KNOEDLER, proprietor.

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NOW ON EXHIBITION

AT THE

BENEFIT OF THE POOR,

At the New Gallery of the National Academy, 10th-st., from 10 A. M. to 5 P. M., and from 7 to 10 P. M.

Admission 25 cents; Season Tickets 50 cents.

BARNUM'S MUSEUM.—ONE WEEK MORE of that fashionably successful dramatic drama, THE PIONEER PATRIOT, with Mr. H. WATKINS in the character of CORE; Mrs. CHARLES HOWARD as EARL; Mrs. [illegible] as Ruth, LITTLE CORDELIA HOWARD as Eva; besides the thrilling sensational tableau of THE DEATH OF EVA, besides the thrilling sensational tableau of THE DEATH OF EVA, Mr. and Mrs. C. HOWARD, the talented members of the enterprising arrangement to provide the entertainments of EVERY AFTERNOON, ALSO, ALL ATTRACTIVE at this establishment. EVENINGS, at 7 o'clock, THE PIONEER PATRIOT; the character of Kate Kearney represented. AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, THE DEATH OF EVA. Eva, Little Cordelia Howard; Topsy, Mrs. C. Howard; Uncle Tom, Mr. G. C. Howard. A BEAUTIFUL TRUTH'S A LIE—A FULL LENGTH WAX FIGURE OF J. P. DONNELLY, the Happy Family, Living Serpent, &c., to be seen as usual. Admission, 25 cents; children under ten, 15.

LAURA KEENE'S NEW THEATRE.—C. LWEATLEIGH respectfully announces that his annual benefit will take place on SATURDAY next, Feb. 20, on which occasion will be produced a new Comedy, in three acts, entitled

DOUBLE FACED PEOPLE,

and the celebrated drama, in five acts, of

MICHAEL THE SCRIVENER.

Miss Laura Keene, Wampen, Wells, Mrs. T. B. Johnston, Messrs. Jordan, Jefferson, Barrett, Lingham, Stoddart, Peters, Wheatleigh and every member of the Company will appear.

Box Office open [illegible]

TERESA BERNONDE BEGS TO INFORM HER friends and the public that she will give one of her celebrated entertainments, entitled Reading from the Irish and American Poets, at the Spring-st. Institute, MONDAY EVENING, Feb. 20, on which occasion she will read several new pieces, including Washington's Birthday, and the Irish Emigrant.

To commence at 8 o'clock. Tickets 50 cents.

POWERS' GREEK SLAVE, MARTYRDOM OF RUSS,

Diana and her Nymphs, are a few among the hundred wonderful works of art on exhibition at the Dusseldorf Gallery—day and evening—No. 548 Broadway.

STRANGERS SHOULD NOT FAIL TO SEE

The great Dusseldorf Gallery of Paintings. Powers' Great Slave, the Adoration, the Fairies, are each worth the price of admission. Open day and evening—No. 548 Broadway.

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Open daily from 9 A. M. to 10 P. M.

MOVING MACHINERY, STATUARY, &c.

Admittance 25 cents.

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A. BODWORTH'S DANCING ACADEMIES,

No. 806 Broadway, New-York,

No. 157 Montague-st., Brooklyn.

The academy will remain open until June 1, giving adults their choice of evenings from March 15. Pupils received daily for full term or quarter.

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COAL AT REDUCED PRICES FOR FAMILY USE.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company have reduced the price of their Lackawanna Coal to $5 per ton (2,000 lbs.), delivered, dryly at their yards,

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Pier No. 4, North River, Brooklyn.

Orders may be left at the office, No. 2 William-st., corner of Broadway.

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THOMAS PIG IRON—SOFT, FREE, STRONG, as any in market; for sale by the undersigned, JOHN W. QUINCY & CO., No. 68 William-st.

BANCA TIN, INGOT COPPER, SPELTER, Antimony, &c., for sale by JOHN W. QUINCY & CO., No. 68 William-st.

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WANTED—A SITUATION BY A PROTESTANT woman, as cook, washer and ironer; is a first-class cook, and can do her work perfectly well; has been used to the best of families; can be spared a few days; is a good washer and ironer, and understands her business perfectly; is a quiet, steady, honest and trustworthy woman; can be spared a few days; is willing to go out of the City; has been used to the country; is willing to go out of the City; has been used to the country; is willing to go out of the City; has been used to the country

FINANCIAL.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW-YORK, for the year ending Jan. 31, 1858.

Cash on hand, Jan. 31, 1857, as per Stat. $2,707,245 74

RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

For Premiums and Policy Fees ..... $[illegible]
For Annuities 37,466 97
For Annuities ..... [illegible]
For Interest received ..... [illegible]
Net Amount received for Annuity Contracts ..... 1,000 00 — 1,102,728 97
Total $4,254,474 71

DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

Paid for Claims by death, including Endowments ..... $[illegible]
Paid for Annuities $14,000 00
Commissions 7,422 78
Commissions, including Brok. thereon 63,474 72
Exp. Medical Examinations, Advertising, Stationery, Printing, Rent, Salaries, Postage, Exchange, &c. ..... 64,610 72 — 162,524 72
Net Assets on hand Jan. 31, 1858 ..... 4,092,049 99

Interest on Premium Deposit notes being half-yearly, 6 per cent. of 1857, on Pol. commenced in 1854, and quarterly thereafter 145,923 02
Interest received to Feb. 1, 1858 ..... 30,456 20
Interest accrued Feb. 1, 1858 ..... 1,469 04
Net Assets Jan. 31, 1858 ..... $4,095,909 95
Net increase in Assets during the year $397,865 19

Amount of Policies in force Feb. 1, 1857 ..... $[illegible] No. [illegible]
Amount of Policies issued during year ..... [illegible] 8,768
Amount of Policies expired, &c. during year ..... [illegible] 10,289
Net increase during year ..... [illegible] 669

Comparative statement of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New-York, for the five years ending Jan. 31, 1858.

	Amount of Policies in force.	Premiums and Policy fees received.	Interest on Premium Deposit notes.	Total Receipts.	Total Disbursements.	Net Assets.
Feb. 4, 1853	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb. 1, 1854	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb. 1, 1855	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb. 1, 1856	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Feb. 1, 1857	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RECEIPTS SINCE FEB. 1, 1857.

Premiums and Policy fees $2,512,212 22
Interest received ..... [illegible]
Interest accrued ..... [illegible]
Balance due on Premium Deposit notes ..... [illegible]
Interest on Premium Deposit notes, half-yearly and quarterly ..... [illegible]
Net Amount received for Annuity Contracts ..... [illegible]
Total ..... [illegible]

DISBURSEMENTS SINCE FEB. 1, 1857.

Paid Claims, by death $1,217,642 43
Paid Claims, by maturing Policies ..... $1,000 00 — $1,218,642 43
Paid for Annuities 106,452 74
Paid Advertising, Medical Examinations, Salaries, Printing, Rent 188,718 83
Paid Commissions on Premiums ..... 300,631 07 — $1,713,445 07
Total $4,095,909 95

ASSETS, FEB. 1, 1858.

Invested on Bond and Mortgage $1,046,637 42
Invested on Bond and Pledge $1,217,822 32
Invested in Stocks 7,422 78
Cash in Bank 18,372 15
Premium Notes, including accrued interest, being balance due on Policies issued prior to 1854, and quarterly and half-yearly thereafter 145,923 02
Premium Notes received to Feb. 1, 1858 ..... 30,456 20
Interest accrued to Feb. 1, 1858 ..... 1,469 04
Net Assets $4,095,909 95

ASSETS APPROPRIATED.

Reserved for the re-insurance of all outstanding Policies $3,021,227 22
Reserved for Annuities 20,802 78
Reserved for Dividends of 1857 ..... 17,544 97
Reserved for Dividends of 1858 ..... 185,019 90
Reserved for all other claims 466,261 01
Special reserve for extra claims 219,209 18
Amount of claims reported, but not yet due, including Endowments 11,419 22
Premium Deposits due on Policies ..... [illegible]
Premium Deposits on policies expired ..... [illegible]
Premium Deposits on policies surrendered 22,000 00
Total $4,095,909 95

The Assets of the Company will be seen that, after reserving the sum of $3,691,487 23 as the value for reinsurance on all existing policies, which sum includes a margin to cover contingencies of nearly $300,000, there remains a net sum of reinsurance, according to the Company's Tables of Mortality at 4 per cent., and also sufficient to meet all other obligations, the Company have a surplus of $1,142,503 16, which sum, with safety, is recommended as applicable to the payment of Dividends on existing Policies, according to the following statement:

THIRD DIVIDEND STATEMENT.

Premiums entitled to participate in this Dividend are such as have been received on existing Policies, since Feb. 1, 1853, at the Table Rates of Insurance, and are sufficiently to cover the risk on each Policy to Feb. 1, 1858.

Balance of surplus as above		$1,142,503 16
40 per cent. on $[illegible], being the amount of participating premiums on existing Life Policies	$1,074,627 66	
40 per cent. on $[illegible], being the amount of participating premiums on Endowment Assurances	11,247 34	
40 per cent. on $24,248 48, being the amount of participating premiums on policies lapsed by death	33,939 30	
40 per cent. on $4,827 53, being the amount of participating premiums of short term policies issued prior to 1851	1,931 01	
20 per cent. on $[illegible] 01, being the amount of participating premiums on short-term policies issued since 1851	19,209 66	
Undivided Surplus	1,508 20	$1,142,503 16

Respectfully submitted,
SHEPPARD HOMANS, Actuary.

The undersigned have examined the formulas which have been made the basis of the computations of the Third Dividend (that of 1854) of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New-York, and are satisfied that they are based on correct mathematical principles, and that in their application to the policies of Dividend, they furnish results of undoubted security to the parties assured.

HENRY JAS ANDERSON, } Auditors.
HORACE WEBSTER, }

NEW-YORK, Feb. 13, 1858.

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at the Office of the Company on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 17, 1858, it was determined to declare a Dividend of 40 per cent. to be deducted on the Participating Premiums paid on existing Policies since Feb. 1, 1853, according to the recommendation of the Officers and Insurance Committee and contained in the above statement.

The Revisionary value of this Dividend will be added to the sum of each Policy. The amounts to be credited to each Policy will be ascertained by the 1st of March.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 17, 1858.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

FRED. S. WINSTON,	JOHN WADSWORTH,
MILLARD FILLMORE,	WM. J. BUNKER,
DAVID HOADLEY,	SAMUEL M. CORNELL,
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FREDK. S. WINSTON, President.
ISAAC ADRAIN, Secretary. JAMES STRONG, Actuary.
MATTHEW FORT, M. D., Medical Examiner.

SEVENTH ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, of New-York, No. 31 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-Office.

Jan. 1, 1858.		
Capital Stock	$100,000 00	
Reserve of 1857	265,596 19	$365,596 19
Amount due on sundry dividends		62,899 75
Amount of dividend annuities	4,941 08	
Amount of premiums received during the year	269,876 67	
Amount of interest account for the year	43,568 13	$317,195 88
Total		$732,695 82

DISBURSEMENTS.

Claims by death	$67,262 00	
Expenses, taxes and commission	41,264 00	
Reinsurance and purchased policies	20,188 85	
Dividends on capital	16,000 00	$126,076 85

ASSETS.

Bonds and mortgages on property in New-York and Brooklyn, worth double the amount loaned	$241,300 00	
Premium Loans at 7 per cent. interest	234,191 39	
Agents' balances for premiums in course of collection and transmission	77,492 32	
Bank Stock	3,482 00	
Cash in Bank and on hand	26,249 09	
United States Bonds and Stocks	17,500 00	
Accrued interest, &c.	7,289 43	$606,500 23
Total		$732,695 82

In the above statement the premiums deferred are not included.

The business of the Company during the last year, notwithstanding the extraordinary revulsion in the monetary affairs of the country, has steadily progressed, showing an increase of more than 30 per cent. in the number insured, and of 20 per cent. increase of assets.

The accumulations of the Company have reached a sum equal to six times the amount of the Capital Stock, and with the growing business and extended popularity of the institution, secured by the liberal policy pursued in the conduct of its business, guarantee a successful and permanent future.

The Directors invite a continuance of patronage, and would urge upon all the importance of Life Insurance as a prudent means of securing an endowment for families, and wholly free from the changes and chances of ordinary modes of investment. N. D. MORGAN, President.

C. Y. WEBB, Secretary.

WANTED.—A HIGHLY RESPECTABLE YOUNG LADY from St. Louis wishes to meet with some respectable person who will loan her $60 immediately, for which she will give good hunting-case watch as security. Address Miss S. L., Broadway Post-Office. References given.

NEW-ORLEANS AND MOBILE FUNDS WANTED—BY BENEDICT & CO., No. 63 Wall-st.

FINANCIAL.

FOR SALE.

Bonds of Salem Township, Ohio.
Bonds of Mahoning Township, Ohio.
Bonds of Green Creek Township, Ohio.
Bonds of Oxford Township, Ohio.
Bonds of Steubenville and Township, Ohio.
Bonds of Franklin Township, Ohio.
All above Bonds pay interest at the rate of 7 per cent.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, JAN. 1, 1858.—Office, No. 151 Market-st., Newark. Agency, No. 21 Wall-st., New-York.

Balance, per statement, Jan. 1, 1857 ..... $2,454,512 18
Received for Premiums during the year $837,144 78
Received for Interest during year 105,072 21
Received for Annuity Bonds 5,600 00
Total Receipts for 1857 ..... $948,017 00
Paid Claims, by death, unpaid Jan. 1, 1857 ..... $63,000 00
Paid Claims, by death, of the year, 1857 ..... 145,114 96
Paid Policies surrendered 39,597 45
Paid Salaries, Postage, Taxes, Exchange, &c. 21,717 64
Paid Commissions to Agts. 33,601 78
Paid Physicians' Fees ..... 3,941 50 — 267,413 30 — 407,604 00
Balance $2,992,119 97
Paid Dividends during the year 149,791 14
Net Balance, Jan. 1, 1858 ..... $2,742,328 73
* Amount unpaid, not due, and awaiting proof of death, $70,400 00.

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$68,716 33	
Newark City 7 per cent. Bonds	22,000 00	
Albany City (N.Y.) 6 per ct. Bds.	25,000 00	
Troy City (N.Y.) 6 per cent Bonds	20,000 00	
Brooklyn City (N.Y.) 6 pr.ct. Bds.	65,000 00	
Annuity Bd. of State of Mass.	800 00	
Bonds & Mortgages on Real Estate worth double amount loaned	1,499,851 43	
Prem. Notes, drawing 6 pr. ct. int.	904,395 23	
Real Estate	26,278 26	
Loans on Scrip	6,533 51	
Premiums, Notes, and Cash, in course of transmission	21,920 20	$2,743,328 73
Net accumulating, Jan. 1, 1858		$2,743,328 73
Total amount of Dividends paid to date		1,000,566 73
Total amount of claims, by death, p'd. to date		1,794,249 85

The Directors, having reserved the value of all policies in force and all obligations against the Company, have, from the surplus, declared a dividend of 25 per cent. on the premiums paid on the table rates, to those policies in force issued prior to January 1st, 1857, (except term policies,) without interest; to those who have paid their premiums in cash, and to the credit of those who are indebted to the Company for premiums.

The Directors have also ordered the payment of the tenth dividend (that declared January 1st, 1858,) to be paid to the members when their annual premiums become due, during the year 1858. Those holding Scrip to be allowed the same as cash in payment of premiums, and others to be credited the amount on their notes as they mature.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS:

ROBERT L. PATTERSON,	EDWARD A. SCHOR[illegible],
CHARLES S. MACKNEZ,	JOHN R. WEEKS,
LEWIS G. GROVES,	ANDREW S. SCHLIENG,
JOCIAH O. LOW,	RANDALL S. GREEN,
JOHNY McFARLAN,	JOEL W. CONDIT,
Isaac H. PROUDFOOT,	NEHEMIAH PARRY.

ROBERT L. PATTERSON, President.
JOEL W. CONDIT, Vice-President.
BENJAMIN C. MILLER, Secretary.

Jos. L. & J. F. LORD, Agents, New-York.
Jos. P. BRADLEY, Mathematician.
Lewis C. GROVES, Attorney and Counsel.
James STRONG, M. D., Medical Adviser, N. Y.
Joseph R. JACKSON, M. D., Medical Adviser, Newark.

OFFICE MANHATTAN OIL COMPANY, NO. 18 BROADWAY.—NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1858.—The stockholders of the Manhattan Oil Company are hereby notified that the new certificates of the Capital Stock, as reduced at a meeting of the stockholders, Dec. 2, 1857, in compliance with the law applicable thereto, are now ready to be delivered on surrender of the old certificates.

W. M. S. SIRD, } Committee
N. T. CARRYL, } of Stockholders.

JAMES M. MOYLEY, Secretary.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL NOTES AND ACCEPTANCES wanted by
E. A. BENEDICT, No. 30 William-st.

DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF REPUBLIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 16 Wall-st., Jan. 14, 1858.

DIVIDEND.—THIS COMPANY HAVE THIS DAY declared a dividend of Six-and-a-Half (6½) per cent. payable to the stockholders on Monday, the 25th inst.; in cash.

They have also declared an Interest Dividend of Six (6) per cent. upon their outstanding scrip, payable on Tuesday, the 9th of February next, in cash.

They have further declared a Scrip Dividend on the earned premiums of the year, ending Dec. 31, 1857, of Thirty-one per cent., the certificates deliverable to parties entitled thereto, on Tuesday, the 9th February next.

This latter dividend makes the Scrip Dividends declared by this Company, during the last four years, one hundred and five and a half per cent.

This Company having always declined to insure through the medium of brokers and out-of-town agents, it is important that all applications for insurance should be made to the office direct, or through respectable parties residing in this City.

TRUSTEES:

Charles H. Russell,	Denning Duer,	Fred. A. Delano,
Daniel B. Fearing,	J. Steward, Jr.	Joseph Hewland.
Wm. H. Russell,	Robt. B. Minturn,	Dan. Drake Smith,
A. C. Downing,	Reuben Withers,	Fred. G. Foster,
G. E. Lamar,	Edwd. C. Center,	Peleg Hall,
W. B. Duncan,	Josiah Oakes,	Robert S. Hone,
N. H. Wolfe,	Jos. Gallaudet, Jr.	Saml. V. Hoffman,
Isaac Townsend,	Jas. M. Waterbury,	J. Anthony, Jr.,
James Warren,	Wm. H. Cary,	J. P. G. Foster,
Arthur Leary,	George T. Adee,	John A. C. Gray.
M. W. Hamilton,	John J. Astor, Jr.	

ROBERT S. HONE, President.
DUNCAN F. CUREY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—OFFICE OF THE STUYVESANT Insurance Company, No. 153 Bowery, New-York, Feb. 11, 1858. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Seven (7) per cent. payable to the Stockholders on and after the 20th inst. The transfer books will be closed until that date.

BENJAMIN J. PENTZ, Secretary.

LORILLARD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—Office, Mechanics' Bank Building, No. 31 Wall-st., NEW-YORK, Feb. 4, 1858.—The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Eight per cent., payable on demand.

CARLISLE NORWOOD, Secretary.

BOSTON, CONCORD AND MONTREAL RAILROAD CO.—The Coupons on the Bonds of the above Company, due on the 15th of February, 1858, will be paid by J. A. UNDERWOOD & SON, No. 16 Exchange-place.

INSURANCE.

MARKET FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
OFFICE NO. 37 WALL-STREET.

At the annual election held on the 8th instant,

PHILETUS H. HOLT,	STEPHEN LININGTON.
JOSEPH P. WICKHAM,	ENOCH KETCHAM,
SILAS DAVIS,	WILLIAM A. CUMMINGS,
OLIVER H. SHEPARD,	HENRY LYLES, Jr.,
HENRY ROWLAND,	BREWSTER VALENTINE
ALFRED L. ROWE,	GEORGE B. WHITFIELD,
WILLIAM F. MILLER,	ALBERT HAVEMEYER,
STEPHEN W. GAINES,	ISAAC H. SMITH,
ELISHA L. WALTON,	TEUNIS W. QUICK,
NELSON SHERWOOD,	ROBERT F. SAGE,
HENRY G. REEVE,	DAVID M. TURNURE,
DANIEL T. WILLETS,	JOSE T. NAVARRO,
ALBERT L. DE CAMP,	ASHER TAYLOR,
JOHN M. BRUCE, Jr.,	EDWARD BILL,
BENJAMIN H. HOWELL,	NATHANIEL W. CHATER,

were elected Directors of this Company for the ensuing year; and at a meeting of the Board of Directors held this day, BENJAMIN H. HOWELL, Esq., was reelected President, and ASHER TAYLOR, Esq., was reelected Vice-President. HENRY P. FREEMAN, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 9, 1858.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY—OFFICE NO. 153 BOWERY, CORNER OF BROOME-STREET.—Feb. 11, 1858.—At the Annual Election, held this day, the following-named gentlemen were duly elected for the ensuing year:

DIRECTORS.

Frederick R. Lee,	John R. Paxton,	Samuel Willets,
George L. Osborn,	Barzillai Smith,	Samuel Weeks,
Henry Shields,	Adam W. Spies,	Andre Piquenet,
Cornel's L. Everett,	Joseph H. Godwin,	Edwin Pierson,
Alfred Moore,	John A. Devesa,	Benja'n W. Floyd,
Henry J. Bowne,	A. Stewart Black,	Denton Pearsall,
D. Hennessy,	Charles J. Dodge,	S. Abrahams, M.D.,
Alonzo A. Alvord,	John Shortwell,	Corn'n H. Timpson,
	James Hunter,	

And for Inspectors of the next annual election:

Robert R. Willets, Edward Brown, David Seaman.

At a subsequent meeting of the Board FREDERICK R. LEE, Esq., was unanimously reelected President, and SAMUEL WILLETS was unanimously reelected Vice-President. BENJAMIN J. PENTZ, Secretary.

BANK NOTICES.

DANBY BANK.—RECEIVER'S NOTICE.—IT WAS ordered by the Court of Chancery, for the State of Vermont, on the 29th day of Dec., A. D. 1857, that the undersigned be appointed Receiver of the DANBY BANK, and that all persons holding the bills, or having claims against said bank, present the same for allowance to the undersigned, at his office in Manchester, Vermont, within one year from the said 29th day of Dec., 1857; and in default of such presentment, said bills and claims be forever barred. And it was further ordered by the Court aforesaid, that notice be given to all persons interested in said bank, by publishing the substance of said order, for eight successive weeks in the Rutland Herald and Bennington Banner, and in one paper printed at Buffalo, in the State of New-York, and in one paper printed at Chicago in the State of Illinois, and for six weeks continuously in the New-York Times and the Boston Post.

Manchester, Vermont, Jan. 16, 1858.

Ja21-6w A. L. MINER, Receiver.

MARINERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION, 34-av., corner 9th-st., open daily from 9 A. M. to 2 P. M., and on Wednesday and Saturday from 5 to 9 P. M. Interest allowed to depositors. D. T. SMITH, Sec'y.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

NEW-YORK, FEBRUARY 12, 1858.—NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, TO THE CONTRACTORS ON THE CHEMUNG CANAL, that the Commissioners of the Canal Fund will receive proposals for the construction of the Guard-lock and Dam at Horseheads, Chemung-co., on the Chemung Canal, at the Canal Office, in the City of Albany, on the 3d day of March, next, at 12 o'clock A. M., for furnishing all the materials and performing all the work for furnishing all the materials and performing all the work for the erection of the said Guard-lock and Dam, in such manner as the Commissioners or Commissioner in charge shall direct, in accordance with the plans and specifications, which may be required, to keep in good repair and in good navigable condition during each time in each year as the Canal may be required, to keep in good repair and in good navigable condition during each time in each year as the Canal shall be navigated during the period of five years from the 20th day of March next.

The Chemung Canal and Feeder ..... Penalty in Bond, $[illegible]
Section No. 2 Chenango Canal ..... $[illegible]
Together with all and each of the Side Cuts, Structures, Feeders and Reservoirs connected therewith.

Every proposal shall be accompanied by an affidavit to the effect that no person or persons making such proposal, or any part or parties thereof, and that no other person than such as shall be named in the proposal is interested in the same, or any part thereof, and that no other person than such as shall be named in the proposal is interested in the proposal or in any agreement or understanding to become interested in any contract that may be made in pursuance of such proposal.

Every proposal for the above-mentioned work or materials, shall be accompanied with a bond to the people of this State, in the penalty specified above, and which bond shall be signed by the party making such proposal and two sufficient responsible sureties, with such evidence of their responsibility as the Commissioning Board shall require, and which surety shall be in such form as may be required by the Attorney-General, and shall be conditioned for the payment of such penalty.

Such proposal must be accompanied by a certificate of the Supervisor of the town, and the County Clerk, or the County Judge of the County in which said surety shall reside, or any two of them, as to the responsibility of said sureties.

The persons to whom the work may be awarded will be required by the Contracting Board to give the bond for the payment of laborers' wages, as required by chapter 276, of the laws of 1850.

No acceptance of a proposal or award of a contract by the Contracting Board, and no contract made by them, or any officer in the same, shall be assignable to any person or persons, without the written consent of the Canal Commissioners.

The Commissioners will reserve fifteen per cent. of the amount of each relative monthly estimate of work done and materials delivered, as a security to the State for the performance of the contract, and in the expiration of the time specified in such proposal, if the work has not been completed during that time, shall be paid to the contractor, provided the provisions of the contract shall have been fully complied with.

In case the Contracting Board shall be of opinion that the proposals made at any meeting thereof, pursuant to any advertisement, are, in consequence of any combination or otherwise, collusive and disadvantageous to the State, they may reject all or any of the said proposals, and advertise anew for the work and materials contained therein.

The person or persons to whom the contract may be awarded will be required to receive the boats, tools and other implements specified in the following Schedule, and allow therefor the respective prices therein stated, viz.:

SCHEDULE

SECTION NO. 2 CHENANGO CANAL.

16,500 feet B. M. Oak for lock gate at $20	$330 00
25,000 feet B. M. Pine timber for locks at $18	225 00
15,000 feet B. M. Pine plank for locks at $15	225 00
2,500 feet B. M. Pine timber for bridges at $15	37 50
2,000 feet B. M. Hemlock at $7	14 00
	$1,131 50

CHEMUNG CANAL AND FEEDER.

In charge of E. F. BAILEY, Superintendent.

1 Batteau 41ft. 6in.; 1 Narrow Ax., $1	42 00
1 Small Boat, 41ft.; 2 Crow Bars, $3	47 00
1 Tool Chest, $2; 1 Pair Card Hooks, $1	7 00
1 Set Blacksmith's Tools, $40	40 00
20 Picks, $22; 2 Plows, $1	23 00
2 Frames, $1 50; 1 Cross Cut Saw, $4	5 50
1 Pile Driver and Fixtures	225 00
1 Stiff Scow, $150; 1 Gravel Scow, $75	225 00
10 Scythes, $7 50; 5 Scythe Snaths, $12 50	75 00
10 Scrapers, $15; 155 Shovels, $133 67	148 67
1 Grindstone, $8; 114 Wheel Barrows, $330	338 00
1 Wrench, 75c.; 1 Rope 80 feet long, $4	4 75
1 Lighter for Mowing	20 00
Total	$1,355 92

In charge of W. L. KIDDER, Resident Engineer.

12,280 feet Hemlock Plank	$92 00
3,573 feet B. M. Hemlock Timber	35 01
1,003 feet Oak Timber, Plank and Boards	112 43
Lot of Timber, framed	5 00
3 Axes, $2 50; 2 Augers, 96; 1 Tackle Block, 96	14 38
4 Chisels, 38; 3 Chalked Lines, $1	1 38
1 Tool Chest, $7; 3 Hammers and Sledges, $6	13 00
2 Cant Hooks, $1; 2 Lanterns, $3 50	3 50
8 Lock Gates, $150; 1 Maul and Bottle, $1 50	151 50
7 Paddle Gates, for Locks, 98c.; 6 Padlocks, $1 50	6 98
56 Picks, $40 76; 22 Pike Poles, $1 50; 2 Plows, 96c.	41 38
1 Pump, $1 50; 1 Scow, $275; 6 Scrapers, $22 50	299 00
356 Shovels, $347 63; 1 Shave, 75c.; 1 pr. Shackle Bars, $1 50	349 38
1 Grind Stone, $4; 1 Stove, $1; 1 pair Blacksmith's Tongs, 75c.	5 75
222 Wheel Barrows, $326 62; 6 Wrenches, $1 50	328 12
1 Brace and 2 Bits, 63c.; 4 Steps and 3 Sockets, $3 50	4 13
2 Tow Posts and 1 Heel Post, $22; 3 Gate Collars, $3	25 00
9 Eyes, $4 05; 12 Wrists, $21 60; 2 Cold Chisels, 75c.	26 40
1 Boring Machine, $7; 2 Falls and Dippers, 75c.	7 75
Bow, Stern and Tow Lines	15 00
	$1,531 17
Total	$3,461 72

The aggregate of the same to be paid in twelve equal monthly payments.

The person or persons to whom the work may be awarded will be required to enter into contract for the performance of the work within ten days after the same shall have been awarded to him or them, upon the terms prescribed by the Contracting Board.

The name or names of the persons proposing must be written out in full, with their places of residence.

The specifications and blank propositions and forms of contracts and bonds will be ready for examination at the above-mentioned office, ten days prior to the time specified for the letting. Dated Albany, Jan. 30, 1858.

CHARLES E. WHALON, } Canal
CHARLES H. SHERRILL, } Commissioners.
JOHN M. JAYCOX, }
V. R. RICHMOND, State Eng. and Surveyor.
NATHANIEL S. BENTON, Auditor.

NOTICE.—THE COMMITTE ON TAXES OF THE Board of Aldermen, will meet in room No. 8, City Hall, on FRIDAY, 19th inst., at 2 P. M., to hear the following parties asking for relief of tax. They are requested to be present as no further notice will be given them, viz.: N. Brinkerhoff, C. C. North for Methodist Church in 30th-st., Jno. B. Stratton Jas. N. Wells for St. Peter's Church 20th-st. Gutta Percha Life Boat Company, John Berge, Arthur Skiff, David Roak, Townsend W. Burtes, Alexander Benjamin, B. L. Schmith, H. S. Hart, Joachim Malkhof, Alexander H. Clark, Congregation of Anosed Chesed, Mr. Robinson, Augustus Zeregn, New-York, New-Orleans Steamship Company.

JOHN GREGORY,
THOMAS STEPHENS, } Committee on Taxes.
WM. TUCKER,

NOTICE.—THE COMMITTE ON FRAUDS OF the Board of Aldermen will meet in room No. 12 City Hall, on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., at 3 P. M., to take into consideration the subject of fraudulent assessment for regulating, grading and setting curb and gutter stones in 3d-av., between 61st, 62d and 86th sts. All parties interested in this subject are requested to attend.

THOS. W. ADAMS,
THOS. STEPHENS,
MICHAEL TUOMEY, } Committee
WM. TUCKER, } on
JAMES OWENS, } Frauds.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—THE COMMITTE ON Sewers of the Board of Aldermen will meet at 2 o'clock P. M., on THURSDAY, Feb. 18, at No. 8 City Hall. Parties who have petitioned for the construction of Sewers in the following streets are invited to attend, viz.: Avenue A, between 1st and 2d sts.; 24th-st., between 4th and Lexington ave.; 48th-st., between 6th and 7th avs.; Greene-st., 175 feet east of Bleecker-st., to and through 4th-st. to Barrow-st.; Crosby-st., between Houston and Bleecker; Bethune st.; receiving basin and culvert, southeast corner of Attorney and Houston sts.

THOMAS STEPHENS, } Committee
F. I. A. BOOLE, } on
WM. TUCKER, } Sewers.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—THE COMMITTEE ON ASSESSMENTS of the Board of Aldermen will meet on THURSDAY, Feb. 18, at 3 o'clock P. M., at No. 8 City Hall.

THOMAS STEPHENS, } Committee
THOMAS McSPEDON, } on
GEORGE STARR, } Assessments.

NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL U. S. M. S. S. COMPANY, No. 56 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 10, 1858.

NOTICE.—A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, on THURSDAY, 25th inst., at 12 o'clock, M.

The annual election for five Directors of this Company will be held at the office of the Company, on THURSDAY, March 4, between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. By order.

W. L. YOULE, Secretary.

NOTICE.—ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS against JAMES QUIGLEY will please present the same, with proper vouchers, to the subscribers.

WILLIAM McARTHUR, 135 Liberty-st.,
WILLIAM H. PARSONS, 243 Broadway, } Assignees.
JOHN H. NEILLEY, 24 Church-st.,

Dated, Feb. 16, 1858.

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Mapes' Potash Super Phos. Lime, 1½ cents per pound.
FREDERICK MCCready, No. 143 Fulton-st.

FURNITURE.

ENAMELLED CHAMBER FURNITURE—East H. F. FARRINGTON'S Warerooms, No. 566 Canal-st., opposite Wooster-st., New-York.

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The Anti-Lecompton Meeting at Albany

[Special Dispatch to The New-York Times.]

ALBANY, Feb. 17, 1858.

[illegible] Assembly Chamber, Mr. JAMES A. MCMASTERS, [illegible] Albany Journal, called the meeting to order, and moved that Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT be appointed Chairman. The motion was carried by hearty cheers, and Mr. BANCROFT [illegible] a few introductory remarks to read the following list of

Vice-Presidents.

[illegible] George B. DeForest, [illegible] William Burry, [illegible] Samuel Cheever, [illegible] O. Ostrander, Editor of [illegible] the New-Yorker Staats [illegible] Zeitung.

[illegible] Robert C. Dunn, [illegible] Aaron B. Thompson, [illegible] Amariah C. Flagg.

[illegible] reading these names Mr. BANCROFT remarked that the meeting represented among them Democrats of the Hunkers persuasion, and friends to the cause of the Democracy. They had [illegible] by the delay, which the postponement of the meeting had occasioned, for the Governor and Secretary of State to be present with them, to see [illegible] the Territorial people of Kansas. Mr. BANCROFT then read the list of Secretaries, as follows:

[illegible] GEORGE B. BUTLER.

WM. GALE, JR.,

[illegible] addressed the meeting, in substance, as follows:

FELLOW-DEMOCRATS: The principle of forcing the Lecompton Constitution on the unwilling people of Kansas is diametrically at war with the fundamental principle of Democracy. It is dangerous, if not fatal to liberty and property, and leads as straight towards despotism and destruction. The proposition has a most dangerous tendency. It assumes that a Convention of the people may assert absolute power,—an assumption utterly at war with the Constitution, and which, under any circumstances it could be entertained for a moment, ought only to be approached with the utmost deliberation and calmness. In the present instance it is an invitation for the people of Kansas to [illegible] in the passions and conflicts of a continual revolution. The times of mere of understanding and [illegible] are opposed to such a state of anarchy. [illegible] must be opposed to it, and must [illegible] the attempt to force upon the people [illegible] a Constitution which they abhor. [illegible] to the utmost. For our encouragement we have received to-night letters from distinguished Democrats, and first from the Senator from Illinois, STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS; (Loud cheers;) [illegible] HARRIS, of Illinois; from GARRETT D. WRIGHT, of New Jersey; ISAAC N. MORRIS, of Illinois, [illegible] own citizen, JOHN B. HASKIN. (Cheers;) and [illegible] from these, continued Mr. BANCROFT, but we [illegible] Representative of the Administration itself, [illegible] because of its own confidence in him,—a [illegible] WASHINGTON, for ten successive years, sent to the House of Representatives, who was as it were, [illegible] and called into the Administration, because [illegible] believed he possessed the confidence of the Democracy, and that, by his calmness and [illegible], he could allay the passions raging in Kansas. Mr. BANCROFT introduced to the meeting Hon. A. P. BROWN, of Tennessee, whom he described as [illegible] and dear friend of POLK. Mr. STANTON came forward and was received with loud and prolonged applause.

Mr. STANTON began by adverting to the importance with which the event of the admission of a new State into the Union is invariably invested, and described the present excitement about Kansas as one which gave ground for the belief that in Missouri and Kansas [illegible] influence powerful for good or for evil upon the destinies of the Republic. In his judgment the result would prove to be one or the other of these things, according as truth and justice and honor shall prevail, or as falsehood, wrong and fraud shall triumph in the great act of her admission. His purpose on this occasion was to present the reasons which, in his estimation, ought to prevent the acceptance of the Lecompton Constitution as the fundamental law of the State of Kansas, and in order to do this he declared it to be necessary to present a plain, unvarnished statement of the facts which were within his knowledge, and were a part of his experience during the period of his services in that distant Territory.

It was not (he said) at his own solicitation, but merely in compliance with the wishes of Governor WALKER that he had consented to go with him for the purpose of doing what he could with his poor abilities to serve his country in the arduous position of Secretary of Kansas, and the fundamental principle agreed upon between the President [and his Cabinet on one side and Gov. WALKER and him (Mr. STANTON) on the other, that which was obviously the only principle on which anything could be effected—was the sovereignty of the people—the right of the people to control their own affairs and to establish their own institutions. This, in the strongest and most unequivocal language, was the principle made out in the instructions of Governor WALKER and given to him (Mr. S.) as the chart by which he was to be guided as acting Governor; he having preceded Mr. WALKER on his arrival in the Territory. Mr. STANTON read from the President's letter of instructions to Governor WALKER to show that there could be no possible misapprehension on the part of either Mr. WALKER or himself as to the duties they had been sent to Kansas to perform. The directions therein given, and referring to any verbal understanding that may have occurred, were sufficient to show the notions of the President and the Secretary of State at that time, and he (Mr. STANTON) asseverated that there was not a word written or uttered by Mr. BUCHANAN or General CASS, or any member of the Cabinet then or ever, not distinctly and unequivocally in unison with the terms of these instructions.

Mr. STANTON proceeded to describe the political condition of the Territory at the time he arrived there. While he had supposed prior to that time, that there was no question calculated to disturb their peace but that of Slavery, he was disagreeably disappointed on finding the whole people almost at war with the Territorial Bill, which satisfied him that no such feeling could take place without some good reason, or plausible or imaginary. In endeavoring to discover what reason could be learned in his after enlightenment, that the people had determined to obey the laws which had been passed by the Territorial Legislature, because, as they said, they had had no participation in the passage of those laws, the Legislature did not represent their opinions, and its members had been elected in some instances by invaders from a neighboring State, and in other instances by fraud and villainies too monstrous at that time to be credited by him, and which he did not altogether believe until subsequently he saw with his own eyes evidence of similar transactions attempted by the same people which satisfied him that the complaints made in the first case were just and true. The policy pursued by Governor WALKER was, it appeared to him, a wise and benign policy, for his object was to persuade the people temperately to submit to the existing Government until, by the due operation of the laws then in force, and by the exercise of the elective franchise, they could establish laws for themselves. In reply to these persuasions of the Governor the people declared that they would be overrun by invaders from the neighboring State, and then, when in answer to this, Governor WALKER said he would use the United States Army in the Territory to secure the right of the citizens to the free exercise and legitimate effect of their suffrages, the people expressed their belief that the Army was not intended to protect the citizens of the Territory, but was placed on a basis in the hands of the President, to be used against them, and cheering the *bona fide* settlers out of their rights, which would amount to [illegible] if he had dreamt for a single moment that they would attempt to carry out the plan which they subsequently adopted, and persist in the fraud which they are now endeavoring to force upon the people.

Mr. STANTON went on to describe the process of [illegible] deprive them of their just rights to [illegible] work of that Convention; and they said more: they informed the people that, in making those pledges, they had the authority of the President of the United States, and his whole Cabinet! [Laughter.] for this was to be inferred not only from the tenor of the President's instructions, but because he had been advised of these repeated declarations, and warned that the consequences would be serious if any other course of policy were pursued, and not one word of reproof or dissent had ever been written in response to either Governor WALKER or him. (Mr. S.) The details of the October election, the fruitless endeavor of the Pro-Slavery minority to maintain their power in the Territory by exacting the payment of a tax as a qualification for voting and their subsequent attempt to defraud the people by means of the returns from the Oxford Precinct and McGee County, were dwelt on by Mr. STANTON at length and with appropriate comment. The fact that HAHN, one of the judges of election at that celebrated Precinct which returned 1,628 votes, though the recent legislative commission shows its census to be but 35, had been unanimously elected Assistant-Clerk by the Constitutional Convention, every member of which represented but 30 votes, was cited by him to show that the Pro-Slavery party had, from the beginning, determined on a course of systematic fraud, and that every act of theirs was the result of a predeterminated policy, having for its object the defrauding the people of their legitimate rights. The mode in which the Constitution was submitted was another evidence of this, and one which he vigorously and severely criticised. The change in the views of the Administration and the manifest belief which grew up among leaders of the Pro-Slavery Party shortly after the discovery of the Oxford swindle, that the President and his Cabinet favored their designs and desired the perpetuation of their rule in the Territory, were the next topics dealt with. He stated that it was in pursuance of this plan, and under the impression that the Administration were favorably disposed towards it, that the frauds at the Delaware Crossing and elsewhere in the recent election for State officers, were perpetrated, and that the whole course of proceeding was artfully designed for the express purpose of maintaining the authority of the minority in the new State. The Constitution which was framed was the necessary result of all this. It was but the consequence of the tortuous proceedings of the minority. It was the culmination of its star of hope as it ascended to the very noon of its night of infamy. It was the consummation, the flower, the fruit, the perfection of all the wicked and dishonest proceedings of that minority from the beginning to the end all combined and concentrated in this Lecompton Constitution.

Mr. STANTON resumed his seat amid vehement applause, after having spoken for more than three hours, during which he was heard with the most earnest attention and greeted with frequent cheers.

Mr. BUTLER submitted a series of resolutions declaring that as the imposition of the Lecompton Constitution on the people of Kansas by Congress would be a violation of the fundamental principle of all free governments, the true method of settling the difficulty is to refer it back to the people of Kansas; recognizing the wisdom and patriotism [of the policy pursued by Governor WALKER and Mr. STANTON in Kansas, approving the courage, ability and consistency of Senator DOUGLAS, congratulating Mr. THOMAS L. HARRIS, of Illinois, and Hon. JOHN B. HASKIN, of New-York, on the propriety and patriotism of their recent action on the Kansas question; recognizing with cordial satisfaction the recent letters of HENRY A. WISE to the Democracy of New-York and Philadelphia, asking Mr. STANTON for a copy of his address for publication, and winding up with the request to the representatives in Congress of the City of New-York, that they oppose the Lecompton Constitution, as demanded by the principle of popular sovereignty, by the Cincinnati platform, by the instructions of President BUCHANAN to Gov. WALKER, by the authorized promises of Gov. WALKER to the people of Kansas, by the fundamental principle of Democracy, and by the desires of the people of Kansas.

These were adopted with the greatest enthusiasm, and the meeting dispersed after cheering lustily for Mr. STANTON, Gov. WALKER, Senator DOUGLAS, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. HASKIN and Mr. BANCROFT.

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DOUGLAS IN THE SENATE—Mr. DOUGLAS is receiving a sample of "plantation manners" at the hands of the Southern Senators. Whenever he rises to call for his Kansas resolutions, half-a-dozen members on the Democratic side of the Chamber start up from their seats to put him down. MASON scowls disdain. DAVIS blusters "objections." TOOMBS growls something about "enforcing parliamentary law," and the Vice-President blandly rules him "out of order." If he undertakes to claim the usual courtesies of debate, they interrupt him, worry him, and vote him into silence. Whenever he takes the floor, they never leave off badgering him till they have got him down into his chair again. To those who remember how smooth and smiling the "Chivalry" were to their "honored friend, the distinguished Senator from Illinois," a year ago, whenever the "stern little man in black" strode out into the aisle to make a speech, the contrast is striking.—*Albany Evc. Journal.*

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

For Markets see Third Page.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—FEB. 17.

$15,000 N.Y. St. 6s '73	115¼	100	Harlem Railroad		13¾
2,000 Ohio St. 6s, '90	101	100	do		13¾
2,000 Ken. State 6s	103	200	do		13¾
2,100 Mich. State 6s	94¾	202	Har. R. R. Pref		23¾
4,000 Tenn. St. 6s, '90	88	700	Reading R.R.		46¾
2,000 do	87¾	250	do		50¾
5,000 Virginia 6s	91¾	200	do	s30	49¾
10,000 Missouri State 6s	94¾	100	do	s30	49¾
21,000 do	94	100	do	s30	50¾
1,000 do	93¾	300	do	b30	49
4,000 L'isl'n St. 6s	b60	90	100	do	b10	49
2,000 Cal. St. 7s, '70	90¾	100	do	b15	49
2,000 Cal. State 7s '75	90¾	450	do	s5	50¾
8,000 N.Y. Cen. R.R. 6s	99¾	200	do	b30	49¾
2,000 Erie Con. Bds '71	69	300	do	s60	49¾
1,000 Hud. Riv. 1st Mt.	97¾	300	do		49
500 do	97	970	Cleve. & P. R.R.		17
2,000 Harlem R.R. 1st Mt.	93	60	Mich. Cen. R.R.		71¾
7,000 Mich. C.R.R. 8 P c		250	do		71¾
1st M. 8's y P. C.R. 2s	90¾	100	do		72
500 Ill. Cen. RR. Bds	95	200	do		72¾
2,000 do	94¾	60	do		72¾
10,000 La C. & M. L. G. Bds	27	48	do	b60	72¾
1,000 M. & Miss. 2d m. b.	70	90	do	b30	73
10 City Bank	116	100	Mic. So. & N.I. R.R.	b3	25
10 Bank of Commerce	101	200	do		24¾
3 Am. Exchange Bk.	103¾	225	do		24¾
50 do	103	100	do	b60	25
50 Canton Co.	b60	23¾	200	do	b60	25
50 do		22	100	do	b15	25
200 do		22¾	60	Mic. So. & N.I. pref. S'k		46
72 Del. & Hud. C. Co.	112¾	76	100	do		46¾
8 do	112	8	150	do		46¾
50 Gardner Gold Co.		⅝	167	Panama Railroad		163¾
110 Penn. Coal Co.		77	50	do	b30	104
100 do		78	50	Ill. Cen. R. R.	b60	97¾
100 Cum. Coal Co.		21¾	50	do	b30	97
100 do		21¾	50	do		96¾
110 do		21	200	Galena & Chi. R. R.		93¾
200 do	s5	20¾	100	do	b30	93¾
100 do	s10	20¾	50	do	b30	93¾
100 Pacific M. S. Co.		63¾	100	do		93
50 do		63	100	do	b10	93¾
50 N. Y. Cen. R.R.	cpg	86¾	72	do		93¾
50 do	s60	86¾	50	do		93¾
500 do	cpg	86¾	200	Clev. & Tol. R.R.	s30	46¾
250 do	s60	86	1070	do		46¾
100 do	s10	86¾	1000	do		46¾
100 do	b30	86¾	1213	do		46¾
1830 Erie Railroad		29	100	do	b30	46¾
100 do	b10	29	100	do	b60	46¾
218 do		29¾	100	C. & Rock I. R. R.		82
100 do	b60	29¾	100	do	b60	81¾
150 do	b10	29¾	100	do	b30	81¾
300 do	s10	29¾	50	do	b30	82
70 do		29¾	344	do		81¾
200 do	s60	29¾	100	do	b30	81¾
228 Hud. Riv. R.R.	s3	27	355	do		81
100 do		27¾	50	do		80¾
200 do	b30	27¾	6	Mil. & Miss. R. R.		73¾
150 do		27¾	225	do		73¾
200 do		27¾	50	do		73¾
20 do	b30	28	457	La C. & Mil. R. R.		18¾
100 do	b60	28	5	do		10¾
10 Sixth-av. R.R.		100	100	do	b30	10¾

SECOND BOARD.

$1,000 Indianapolis and Bel. R. R.			Int. add.		60
$3,000 St. Louis City 6 P cent. m. bds			Int. add.		78¾
$5,000 Milwaukee and Horicon R. 8s			Int. add.		30
$7,000 Terre Haute and Alton R. 8s			Int. add.		40
$8,000 Cincinnati and Chic. R.R. 10s			Int. add.		20
$5,000 Ohio and Mississippi R. R. 7s			Int. add.		30
$3,000 Illinois Central R. R. 8s			Int. add.		05
$7,000 Chic., St. Paul and F. du Lac 7s			Int. add.		23¾
$1 Virginia 6s			Int. add.		91
$1,000 California 7s			Int. add.		89¾
$5,000 Tennessee 6s			Int. add.		80
$2,000 New-York and N. Hav. R. R. 6s			Int. add.		82
$2,000 La Crosse and Mil. R. R. 7s			Int. add.		37¾
$5,000 Mil. and Horicon R. 7s			Int. add.		13¾
$1,000 Mil. and Hor. R. 1st mort. 6s			Int. add.		44¾
$1,000 Mil. and Hor. R. 2d mort. 6s			Int. add.		40
$1,500 New-York and Erie R. R. 7s			Int. add.		70
$9,000 Town Bertin, (M. Co. Wis.) 6s			Int. add.		48
$500 Great Western Ins. Scrip of 1857					25¾
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$1,000 Sacramento 10s, 1855, and interest					77
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$1,000 Atlantic Mutual Ins. Scrip of 1856					70¾
$1,000 Sun Mutual Insurance Scrip of 1853					55
$600 Sun Mutual Insurance Scrip of 1855					48
$200 Sun Mutual Insurance Scrip of 1857					45
$500 Pacific Mutual Insurance Scrip of 1856					42
10 shares Chic., St. Paul & Fon du Lac R. R.					5
6 shares American Exchange Bank					102¾
15 shares Bank of State of New-York					101
10 shares St. Mark's Fire Ins. Co					114¾
20 shares St. Mark's Fire Ins. Co					112¾
5 shares Hanover Fire Ins. Co					97¾
10 shares Arctic Fire Ins. Co					97
100 shares Gardiner Gold Mining Co				25c. P share	
30 shares Park Bank					95
120 shares Importers' and Traders' Bank					99
40 shares Phenix Bank					105¾
10 shares Commonwealth Bank					86¾
100 shares La Crosse & Milwaukee R. R. Co					10¾
11 shares Arctic Fire Ins. Co					96
50 shares Merchants' Bank, $50 each					110
10 shares Leather Manu'rers' Bank, $50 each					126
120 shares St. Mark's Fire Ins. Co., $25 each					112¾
10 shares New World Fire Ins. Co., $50 each					91
20 shares Metropolitan Fire Ins. Co., $100 each					100
203 shares Second-Avenue Railroad					65
75 shares La Crosse and Milwaukee R. R.					10¾
30 shares Harlem Railroad Co					13¾
15 shares Chatham Bank					96¾
15 shares Illinois Central Railroad					98

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17—P. M.

There are no changes to note in Money affairs to-day. The market for loans on demand is easy at moderate rates of interest, 5@7 P cent., according to the character of the collaterals, and for discounts the terms are, in some instances, for very choice paper, 6@7 P cent., fair names 7@9 P cent. The *Arabia* sailed for Liverpool at 8 o'clock this morning, with a fair mail, and $598,309 in Specie. The probability is there will be no mail steamer for Europe on Saturday. The *City of Washington*, propeller, sails to-morrow, Thursday, for Liverpool. The *Niagara's* mail from England, January 30, was not delivered from the New-York Post-Office until this morning. The financial letters report great ease in the discount market, and in London loans on Consols had been made at the almost nominal rate of 1 P cent. per annum. Mercantile bills were going at 2½@3½ P cent. per annum, in the open market, while the Bank of England rate was 4 P cent. The Erie negotiation was favorably considered by the English Stock and Bond holders, and over a million and a half dollars had been subscribed in London to the 4th Mortgage. American Stocks, generally, were in fair request, and an advance had been paid on New-York Central Bonds, New-York and Erie shares and 3d Mortgages, Illinois Freeland Bonds, and New-York Central Shares. The Cotton people here are somewhat disappointed in the present mail, and speculation in this staple is checked. Our special London correspondent writes as follows:

LONDON, Friday, Jan. 29, 1858—7 P. M.

Ever since the Bank of England reduced its rate of discount on the 14th inst. to 5 P cent., its terms have been so much higher than those of the discount houses and joint-stock banks, that its business became very moderate, but no step was taken to retrieve its position until yesterday, when the rate was reduced to 4 P cent. The rate in the open market had for some days been as low as 3 P cent., and in a few exceptional cases bills were negotiated at 2¾ P cent. Thus readily following in the wake of the money market the reduction offered by the Bank is still insufficient to attract applicants to the discount office, and the establishment is in no better a position. The motives for this extreme caution in lowering the value of money are not very perceptible. The directors cannot hope to check a tendency to speculation, as the amount of unemployed capital is enormous, and the leading joint-stock banks have announced a reduction to 2 P cent. on deposits exceeding £500, and one of them allows only 1 P cent. on sums below £500. The total amount of deposits in the London joint-stock banks exceeds £42,000,000, and the present insignificant amount of interest will cause the transfer of large sums to more profitable investments. In the present stagnant state of trade there is no opportunity of diverting capital into the ordinary commercial channels, and the consequence will be that for the present the Stock Exchange will receive the benefit of an impulsive speculative moment, and to this cause may be ascribed the recent advance in the prices of the Funds and all descriptions of shares. The rise has been chiefly in English securities and in the East Indian railways, with a guaranteed rate of interest. The market for American securities is steady, and there is an improving tendency, but the rush of unemployed capital has not yet taken this direction on any large scale, and the advance is not so important as might have been expected. The prices of English securities have, however, now reached a point when speculators feel disposed to pause; and if their operations are continued they must look to some other description of securities on which to operate. The prices of some of the American securities on the 16th of December and on this day are subjoined:

	Dec. 16.	Jan. 29.
Detroit & Milwaukee 7 P cent. Bonds	56	62
Illinois Central, 7 P cent. Constr'n	76	82¾
Illinois Central, $100 shares, $30 paid	13dis.	4dis.
Michigan Central, 8 P cent	75	87
Michigan Central, $100 shares	59	45
New-York and Erie, 7 P cent	69	75
New-York and Erie, $100 shares	15	24
New-York Central, 7 P cent	89	91
New-York Central, $100 shares	71	79
Pennsylvania, 7 P cent., 1st mort.	93	95
Pennsylvania, $50 shares	25	35

Whenever trade does revive in England the capital required to carry on the same amount of business will for some time be much larger than before the crisis. A blow has been given to the system of undue credit and accommodation bills, from which it will not recover until the country is once more in the full swing of high prosperity, when all the precautions which are now laid down with such apparent earnestness will be forgotten. In the wool trade it has been resolved to shorten the term of credit by reducing it from 6 months to 3 months; and generally there will be induced a habit of shorter reckonings, but the expansion of trade and the eagerness of competition will most probably break down these restrictions in the long run. It begins to be confidently predicted that the year 1858 will not witness any great amount of prosperity. The period is too short to admit of complete recovery from so great a prostration, and the greatest revival and animation will, it is suspected, be on the Stock Exchange.

The official tables of the trade of France for the past year have just been issued. The imports of cotton were as under in the last and two preceding years:

Countries.	1855.	1856.	1857.
United States	747,064	874,627	731,240
Total from all ports	826,010	960,305	816,174

The stock at the different ports amounted in December last to 186,000 metrical quintals, against 74,523 in the same period of 1856, and 93,700 on 31st of December, 1855. At Havre the stock on 31st December last was 132,000 metrical quintals.

An official table of the imports of corn and grain into the United Kingdom in new shows a decrease, as compared with the previous year, of 1,320,321 quarters wheat, and Indian Corn, 652,428 bushels.

The imports of cereals in France for the last three years has been as follows:

	Metrical Quintals.
1855	4,100,000
1856	6,100,000
1857	6,381,000

Both in France and England the corn markets are exceedingly flat, with a downward tendency, in spite of a recent decline. In France prices have not yet reached their lowest point, but in England they are believed to have nearly arrived at it.

Mr. E. F. SATTERTHWAITE writes, in regard to American Stocks:

"There has been a steady market for American Securities in London during the past week. We note an increasing disposition to invest in well secured Bonds, and the Market has an improving tendency. Erie Bonds are in improved request, and there is a general disposition to accede to the terms proposed by Mr. MORAN; 75 has been frequently given for his Mortgage Bonds, and the Shares have advanced from 20@22. Illinois Freelands have brought 87, which is a considerable advance. Construction Bonds are steady, at 82@84. Shares are quiet, at 4 dis. New-York Central Stock and Bonds have been in demand, and are scarce."

MESSRS. BARING BROTHERS write:

"The Colonial and Foreign Produce markets have been quiet throughout the week, and the business transacted moderate. Sugar fast, and 6d.@1s. lower. Money very easy. Yesterday the Bank of England reduced their minimum rate of discount to 4 P cent. Consols close at 95¾@95¾ for money, and 95¾@95¾ for the account. Bar Silver, 5s. 1½d. Mexican Dollars, 5s. ½d. Doubloons—Spanish, 76s. 6d.; South American, 74s. 9d. American Eagles, 76s. 2½d. Buyers of Pennsylvania 5s, Certificate, at 73; Coupon Bonds, 61¾, ex div. Virginia Sterling 5s offered at 82. Michigan Sterling 6s, Railroad Bonds, sold at 98, adding the interest. Panama Railroad short Bonds, maturing in 1859, offered at 92. Canada 6s, 111@111¾. Nova Scotia 6s, 103½. New-Brunswick 6s, 103@103½. Quebec City 6s, 102¾, dividend from 1st November."

The return from the Bank of England for the week ending the 27th of January gives the following results when compared with the previous week:

Public deposits	£3,248,603	Increase	2,495,155
Other deposits	16,175,556	Decrease	211,140
Rest	3,701,136	Increase	12,522
Govern't securities	9,297,860	Increase	95,564
Other securities	21,047,490	Decrease	1,202,179
Notes unemployed	9,416,690	Increase	1,219,180

The amount of notes in circulation is £20,664,710, being an increase of £642,685; and the stock of bullion in both departments is £15,398,724, showing an increase of £962,909 when compared with the preceding return.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes issued		£20,083,240
Government Debt	£11,015,100	
Other Securities	3,450,000	
Gold Coin and Bullion	14,606,340	29,083,240

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,600	
Rest	3,701,136	
Public Deposits (including Exchequer Savings Banks, Commissioners of National Debt, and Dividend Accounts)	3,248,603	
Other Deposits	16,175,556	
Seven-Day and other Bills	865,457	40,544,074
Government Securities (including Dead Weight Annuity)	£9,297,860	
Other Securities	21,047,490	
Notes unemployed	9,416,690	
Gold and Silver Coin	790,034	40,544,074

The following table will show the fluctuations in Consols since the 23d inst.:

	For Money			For Account		
Jan.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.	Lowest.	Highest.	Closing.
Sat. 23	94¾	95¾	95¼	94¾	95¾	95¾
Mon. 25	shut	shut	shut	shut	shut	shut
Tues. 26	94¾	95	95	94¾	95¼	95¼
Wed. 27	95¼	95¾	95¼	95¼	95¾	95¾
Thur. 28	95¾	95¾	95¾	95¾	95¾	95¾
Fri. 29	95¼	95¾	95¼	95¾	95¾	95¾

In our own Stock Market to-day, prices were irregular, upon a large business at both sessions of the Board. There was some realizing yesterday, by private contract, and this morning, at the Board, on New-York Central, at the large advance since last week, and the consequence was a weaker market for this particular and leading stock, toward the close of the day. The highest point reached yesterday was 87, ex dividend; the early calls to-day, 86½; lowest in the afternoon, 85½; closing 85½@86 P cent. There was some realizing also in New-York and Erie Bonds; highest yesterday, 29½ P cent.; early sales to-day, 29@29½; lowest, 28½@28½; closing, 28½@29. The Western Share list and Hudson River were again buoyant, and higher than on Tuesday, though extreme figures were not sustained in the afternoon. Hudson River advanced from 24, as at the close yesterday, to 28, and fell back to 26½ P cent. Galena advanced to 93½ and fell back to 92@92½; and Rock Island advanced to 81½, fell back to 79½ and closed 80½ P cent. The advance in Milwaukee and Mississippi was 3½@4 P cent. Pacific Mail lost 1@1½ P cent. of the rise of yesterday; Reading fluctuated, 59@60@59½ P cent. The Bond list was steady. At the close after the printed list, the general market was unsettled, but with rather a strengthening tendency.

The overdue Coupons of the New-York and Erie Company are in demand at 90@95 P cent., and as much as 95 P cent. is offered for the protested acceptances of the Company. The amount of the latter now afloat is reduced below $100,000. Messrs. W. & J. O'BRIEN, No. 29 Wall-street, are buyers of the Coupons; and Messrs. CAMMANN & Co., No. 56 Wall-street, buy the Coupons or acceptances of the Company for a few days on favorable terms.

We are requested to state that bidders for the United States Treasury Bills for the 15th of March, all of whom are required to place in deposit 5 P cent. earnest money or security for the contract, will be permitted to leave with the Sub-Treasurer 5 P cent. in Gold, *or in 3 P cent. Treasury Bills*, at their own option; the deposit to be held in trust and returned in kind, if the bids are not accepted.

The Philadelphia *Ledger*, of this morning, remarks as follows on the embarrassed affairs of the Bank of Pennsylvania:

"It was given out day before yesterday that the Board of Directors of the Bank of Pennsylvania had made an assignment of all the effects of that institution, and that Messrs. W. C. FATTERSON, JOHN D. TAYLOR and W. L. SAVAGE were the assignees. Yesterday, in the Court of Common Pleas, when the deed of assignment was offered for approval, Judge THOMPSON suggested a doubt as to the propriety of making an assignment to parties directors of the bank. Mr. CAMPBELL said he would withdraw the application for the present, in order to inquire whether an assignment can be made to directors of the bank. Mr. CAMPBELL, in presenting the petition, said that he would like the matter attended to at the earliest moment, as next Saturday would be judgment day and a number of cases were pending against the bank, in which heavy judgments would be taken. He thought that the judgment creditors should not be preferred to the other creditors of the bank. Therefore, an assignment would do equal justice to all. The notes of the Bank of Pennsylvania, as well as the certificates of deposit, are selling at a discount of from 50@55 P cent. Should the assignment not be perfected before Saturday and certain large judgments be entered, they will sell probably at even a greater discount."

The Boston *Post* quotes as follows of the Lake Superior Copper Stocks:

"The Ingot Copper market has improved a little, and this fact, together with favorable news from several of the mines, has rendered Copper shares more scarce and active. Minnesota, Pewabic, Cliff and Isle Royale have all advanced. The Minnesota product in December was 170 tons. The accounts from the Portage Lake region are exceedingly good, and the holders have increased confidence in the ultimate value of Pewabic, Quincy, Huron and Isle Royale. Rockland and Superior have sympathized with Minnesota. Considering positive results, thus far, they are bringing enormous prices; but their market value, of course, is a low one, on the supposition that they are to become Minnesotas. National has been in more demand. With the "disputed territory" in its possession, it must be an exceedingly valuable property, and even without it, the mine is more than paying its expenses. It is wrought prudently and judiciously, and the last accounts are more encouraging than ever."

The Baltimore *Patriot* remarks of Money affairs in that city:

"There is evidently more ease in financial affairs. Capital accumulates and seeks safest investment. The banks discount liberally. Money, however, is not in very great demand for business or speculative purposes. Notes such as find their way to the street are being negotiated, first-class at 6@9 and 10 P cent. premium. But little demand for second-class, and rates are irregular, ranging from 1@1½ P cent. a month. Money on call 7@8 P cent. P annum, and easily obtained on satisfactory collateral."

The Cincinnati *Times* reports of Money and Exchange:

Currency has been more active this week, and some of the bankers have spoken of them of a brisk demand; but generally the supply has been good and the monetary market easy. The Discount-Houses have been accommodating their customers at 10@12 P cent. and first-class paper has ranged at 12@15, although good names had sometimes gone as high as 20@24 P cent. Inferior grades have been distasteful to sale, and have been refused by brokers at 2½@3 P cent. a month. Rates are unalterably; but little first-class paper is offered outside of Bank. Eastern Exchange have been heavy and sales making at less than the current rates all the week. A decline would have taken place had currency been scarce. Gold has been dull, and New-Orleans Sight Funds scarce and in brisk demand. Time bills on the East have been in good request and on the South in fair demand for short dates.

LE HURAY & Co., Bankers, quote Currency and Land Warrants thus:

	Dis.		Dis.
All solvent N. Y. State Banks	⅜	South Carolina	3
All New-Eng'd Banks in good credit	¼	New-Orleans	1¼
Rhode Island	¾	Mobile	2
East-Jersey Banks	¾	Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky	1¼
West-Jersey Banks	¾	Indiana Free Banks	3
Philadelphia Banks	⅜	Missouri	2
Pennsylvania Country Banks	1¼	Michigan	2
Baltimore City Banks	⅜	Illinois & Wisconsin	2¼
Maryland	1	Tennessee Old Banks	5
Virginia Old Banks	3	Tennessee Free Bk's	7
Virginia Free Banks	3	Canada	1
North Carolina	4	Philadelphia Checks	1-10
		Baltimore Checks	1-5
		Boston Checks	1-10

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